



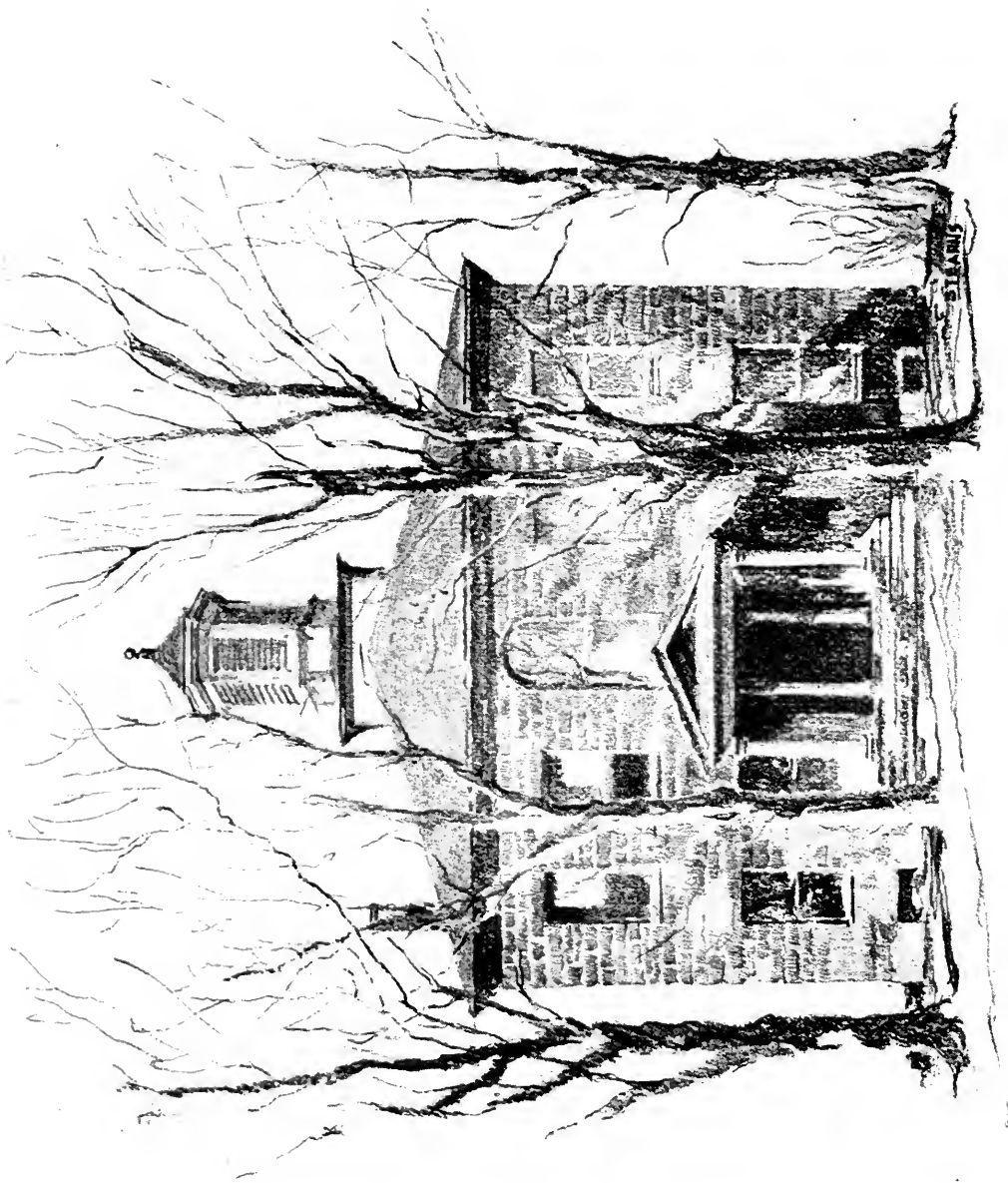
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## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration was organized nationally in January 1936, under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director. In February work was begun in Vermont under the direction of John P. Clement who continued the supervision of the survey until his resignation in February 1938.

The Vermont Survey has had as its main objective the preparation of inventories of the records of the state, counties, towns, villages, and cities. During the past six months the scope of the project has been increased; a survey of early American imprints located in Vermont, a guide to the manuscript depositories of the state, an inventory of the records of Vermont Churches, a calendar of Ira Allen Papers, and an index to one of the leading and oldest newspapers in the state are well under way. Other miscellaneous work is also being done.

The inventory of the records of the Grand Isle towns was begun in 1937, but due to revision in the method of preparing inventories and the listing of more complete information the work was redone in 1938. At various times a number of different field workers have assisted in gathering the information used in the inventory. The work was completely rechecked for accuracy by Howard Todd. The preparation of the inventory was done under the supervision of Katharine Shaw and Gerald Fryor; the histories were written by Frank Bryan and the maps and charts were drawn by Virgil McCarty. The whole work was prepared through the cooperation of the entire state office force and each person in one way or another assisted in the completion of this work.

Eventually volumes similar to this one will be published by counties covering all of the towns, villages and cities in the state. These volumes will be numbered according to the sequence of the counties when listed alphabetically; thus Grand Isle County is No. 7.

Almost without exception the Survey has received the cooperation of both public officials and private citizens throughout the state and their assistance has made the work much easier. A large portion of the non-labor expense of operating the project has been paid by public or private funds in Vermont.

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# ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Abbreviations

alph.	.....	alphabetical(ly)
approx.	.....	approximately
arr.	.....	arranged, arrangement
aver.	.....	average
C. E.	.....	civil engineer
ch.(s)	.....	chapter(s)
chron.	.....	chronological(ly)
Co.	.....	Company
dept.(s)	.....	department(s)
estab.	.....	established
etc.	.....	et cetera
hdw.	.....	handwritten
ibid.	.....	the same reference
inc.	.....	incorporated
Mass.	.....	Massachusetts
ms.	.....	manuscript
no.	.....	number
N.Y.	.....	New York
p., pp.	.....	page(s)
P.M.	.....	postmeridian
sec.	.....	section
U.S.	.....	United States
vol.(s)	.....	volume(s)
Vt.	.....	Vermont

## Symbols

--	.....	current
x	.....	by
!	.....	feet
:	.....	equivalent to
"	.....	inches
%	.....	per cent

## Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the archives of the towns and villages of Grand Isle County consist of an inventory of the records of each town in the county together with supplementary information. The historical sketch of the county pp. 7-11 and the maps pp. 13-14 contain information common to each of the towns and may be considered as a supplement to each town inventory. The table of contents preceding each town shows the pages where each of the office sketches and sections of the supplementary material may be found. The inventory of a town includes the inventory of the records of each of its incorporated villages if any and such supplementary material as is given for the towns. The **only** incorporated village in Grand Isle County is Alburch and it is

included with the town of Alburgh immediately following the town proper. An index to the records and offices of each of the towns has been given at the end of each town inventory rather than giving a single index covering this entire volume.

### Principle of Arrangement

In the preparation of this inventory records have been placed under the office of origin in what seems a logical sequence. However, many minor offices are required by law to place their records in the custody of the town clerk, and in such cases the records have been listed under the office of custody rather than the office of origin and a cross-reference is made from the office of origin to the record entry.

### Town Office Sketches

These sketches written from information secured from the town records are only a brief history of the office. The town officers' duties are established by law and do not vary from town to town. All the Vermont Statutes beginning with the origin of the state are being carefully read and eventually the various duties which have, at one time or another been assigned to town officers, will be listed and published. Unlike towns, village offices differ according to individual villages as provided by charter; an attempt has been made to briefly cover these in the village history rather than in the office sketches.

### Titles

Titles are shown exactly as found on volumes, file boxes, or bundles. The current or latest title of a series is used as the title of the entry. Explanatory titles are placed in lower case in parentheses. When no title appears on a record, an assigned title is given in upper case in parentheses. Variations are given to titles which are not identical to the title used as the entry title. The term "titles vary slightly" is used when titles have wording similar to that used in the entry title. In sub-entries, the same title as used in a major or artificial entry covering the record, whether actual or assigned has been used. For individual records for which there is no major entry, we have used the title by which the record is commonly known in Vermont.

### Dates

The dates that appear directly after the title are the earliest and latest dates found within the entry. Dates shown in the body of the entry or following sub-entries are the dates of that particular item; where dates are not given for individual items the dates of that item are identical to those in the title line.

### Labeling

Letters or numbers placed in parentheses directly following the quantity indicate the exact labeling.

### Cross Reference

Title-line and body-of-entry cross-references to records which are a part of the same series have been used; for references to records which are related in subject matter or type the third paragraph cross-references have been used. Where no cross-reference is made, it may be assumed that no other records of the same or similar nature were found. References in the office essays are made to reports or records made by that office but in the custody of another.

### Indexes

Where an entry is served by a separate index, a separate entry covering the index is given immediately following the record. Where an index covers more than one entry, it is given immediately following the last entry that it serves and cross-references made between the index entry and the entries it serves.

### Condition

Records are in good condition unless otherwise noted in the inventory.

### Dimensions

Dimensions of volumes are given in order of length, width, and thickness; dimensions of file boxes and drawers in order of height, width, and depth. All dimensions are given in inches unless otherwise specified.

### Location

Usually, the exact location of a record is given in each entry. Where the location or exact location is not given, a statement covering the location of the record may be found in the section titled "Housing, Care and Accessibility of the Records" preceding each inventory.

### Citations

For the purpose of clarity and standardization, the following citations have been used regardless of what the exact manuscript title may have been: town meeting records, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records; land records, Land and Miscellaneous Records; and village meeting records Village Meeting Records. In the town of Alburgh the town meeting and land records series were combined and the uniform title used in referring to any volume of the series is Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records. Laws has been used in place of complete titles in citing acts of the Vermont legislature.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### GRAND ISLE COUNTY

Grand Isle County is made up of the towns of Alburgh, Grand Isle, North Hero, South Hero, and Isle La Motte. Alburgh is a peninsula of land extending southward from the Canadian border into Lake Champlain. Isle La Motte and North Hero are islands in the lake and South Hero and Grand Isle together make up another large island. Smaller islands included in this county are Savage, Two Sisters, Hill's, Butler's, Knight's, Diadamas, Hen, Providence, Stave, Fish Bladder, Gull and Kibby. The distance from the Canadian border to the southern most point of South Hero island is about twenty-eight miles. Isle La Motte is only about two miles from the New York shore and South Hero is about three miles from the Colchester shore.

Grand Isle County has had a varied and controversial history. The King of France through his Governor at Quebec first made a claim to this land. From its discovery by Samuel De Champlain in 1609 until the Peace of Paris in 1763 this land was under the control and dominance of France. From 1763 to the beginning of the American Revolution it was under the nominal control of England. From 1776 to 1791 it was part of the sovereign state of Vermont although claimed by both New Hampshire and New York. Since 1791 when Vermont was admitted to the Union it has been part of the United States.

The influence of its geographical position has been most important in the history of this county.

A glance at a map of North America will show that the St. Lawrence River flowing south-westward to the Great Lakes gave the French a natural and easy access into the interior of the continent, but that the French and English colonies were separated by many mountain ranges and vast forests. From the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean there can be found but one break in this impenetrable barrier. This natural highway north and south is the Lake Champlain waterway. From the St. Lawrence it was a comparatively easy matter for a raiding party to travel up the Richelieu to Lake Champlain, down the length of Lake Champlain and across Lake George and be at the headwaters of the Hudson from which a sortie could be made against the Iroquois on the west, the New England colonists on the east or even down the Hudson to take New York and divide the colonies in half. And such has been the history of these waters. And so, too, the early history of this county was not that of peaceful settlers planting long rows of Indian corn and quietly fishing the lake. No settlers were safe and even the Indians had long ago driven out each other. The hushed stillness of the primeval forest was often broken by the long roll of military drums and the shouts of the savage warriors.

On July 4, 1609 Champlain and his followers entered the lake. This expedition of three Frenchmen and sixty Algonquins traveled

in a fleet of twenty-four canoes. For the most part the Frenchmen armed with arquebuses and protected by steel breast plates lay hidden so as not to be seen by the enemy Iroquois. In his journal Champlain says, "The next day we entered the lake, which is of great extent, perhaps 50 or 60 leagues long. There I saw four beautiful islands 10, 12 and 15 leagues long, which formerly had been inhabited by savages, like the River of the Iroquois (The Richelieu); but they had been abandoned since they had been at war with one another".<sup>1</sup>

Champlain's fight with the Iroquois was successful and he returned to Canada about the first of August, 1609.

Almost continuous raids by the Iroquois against Canada were made by way of Lake Champlain. In 1642 one of these raiding parties along the St. Lawrence captured Father Jogues and two lay brothers, Guillaume Couture and Rene Goupil. They were taken south through Lake Champlain and made their first stop at Isle La Motte. Father Jogues was afterwards rescued by the Dutch and sent to France. He returned to Canada and in 1646 made two trips to the land of the Mohawks stopping as usual at Isle La Motte.<sup>2</sup>

In 1665 French Canada found its population depleted and its fur trade cut off by the fury of the hatred of the Iroquois. It was decided to stop these Indian depredations. From France Louis XIV sent one of his most famous military units - the Carignan-Salieres regiment. And in the autumn of that year we find M. de Repentigny, a young officer, sent to Isle La Motte to prepare the site for a fort. His report was satisfactory and the next summer came Pierre de St. Paul, Sieur de la Mothe (La Motte), a captain of the Carignan regiment with a few companies of men. The fort was built and called Fort St. Anne. Later in the fall there was stationed here a force of six hundred of the finest soldiers in Europe. To this day the population of Isle La Motte has never reached this number.

In the winter of 1666-67 many of the soldiers of Fort St. Anne fell ill with scurvy. A priest was requested and Father Dollier de Casson came down from Montreal on snow shoes. Here he celebrated mass. The next year Bishop Laval of Quebec came to Fort St. Anne and gave confirmation. It is said that this is the first time confirmation was given within the present geographical limits of the United States.<sup>3</sup>

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1. The Voyages and Explorations of Samuel de Champlain. Narrated by himself, translated by Annie Nettleton Bourne, New York, 1922, chs. 9 and 10.
  2. The French Occupation of the Champlain Valley from 1609 to 1759, Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society; Guy Omeron Coolidge, September, 1938.
  3. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1922, vol. 1, ch. 2.

Historical Sketch  
Grand Isle County

Fort St. Anne was probably deserted in 1670. The site of the fort is now owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington.

For the next 100 years the islands were stopping places for many an Indian war party and French or English Military Expeditions. During the Revolutionary War there was again much fighting and at this time there were naval battles on the lake and British ships patrolled the waters near the islands.

During the period directly after the Revolutionary War the British still tried to exercise jurisdiction over the town of Alburgh. They also retained a military post at Dutchman's Point on North Hero and had the added protection of a sloop of war which accosted all lake traffic.

The people of Alburgh were involved for many years in land claims and suits. John Caldwell, a Canadian citizen, held the rights to land in Alburgh which had come down from the original French grants. After the Revolutionary War settlers under his grants claimed that he had no right to grant lands in what was outside of the Province of Quebec. The settlers' claims were substantiated in the courts, but the cost of the defense added to their poverty.

The British withdrew to Canada, but the troubles of the people of the islands were not over. The embargo acts which preceded the War of 1812 caused many to take up smuggling as a full time job. A company of militia was stationed at Alburgh to aid the collector of customs.<sup>4</sup>

Although the Dutch and later the English in the colony of New York made no attempt to settle in what is now Grand Isle County, they claimed the land and included it in their grants. This country was considered about 1655 to be a part of the manor of Rensselaerwyck and in 1685 was part of the "unlimited" county of Albany. Later around 1770 it was considered by New York to be part of the county of Charlotte.<sup>5</sup>

The new and independent government of Vermont claimed Grand Isle County and originally it was a part of the Vermont County of Bennington. Then it was successively in the counties of Rutland, Addison and Chittenden. In 1792 Alburgh, North Hero and Isle La Motte were made part of the newly formed Franklin County. The island of South Hero remained in Chittenden County.

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4. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1922, vol. 2, ch.25.
  5. Documentary History of New York, E. B. O'Callaghan, M. D. Weed, Parsons and Co., Albany, 1849.

In 1802 the county of Grand Isle was formed from the towns of North Hero, South Hero, Grand Isle, Alburgh, and Isle La Motte.<sup>6</sup> This new county had been requested by petition as early as 1794, but was unable to have a bill passed by the legislature until 1802.

North Hero was made the shire town in 1803. Until 1825 court was held in Jed Ladd's Tavern in the same room where the church services were held. In 1825 the county built a new court house of Isle La Motte marble. In return for the privilege of using the new court house for church services the town of North Hero contributed five hundred dollars toward its construction.<sup>7</sup>

The first session of the Grand Isle county court was held the first Monday of March 1806 with Asa Lyon, the county's outstanding man as Judge and Alpheus Hall, County Clerk. In 1808 Isaac Stevens was convicted of stealing three yards of blue broad cloth and forty dollars in silver. He was sentenced and received twenty stripes on the naked body and paid a fine of forty-five dollars. This was the county's first criminal case.<sup>8</sup>

After a rather turbulent early history due to its geographical position near the Canadian line this county has settled down to a peaceful agricultural existence. The land is generally level and the soil fertile. Grand Isle has a larger proportion of its land in cultivation than any other county in Vermont.<sup>9</sup> For the years 1935, 1936 and 1937 the county raised silage corn which averaged about ten tons per acre, hay which averages 1.04 tons per acre, and oats which averaged twenty-six bushels per acre. The yield is a little lower for each of these crops than the average yield for the state.<sup>10</sup>

In contrast with the rest of the state of Vermont, Grand Isle County has almost no output of maple products. In 1937 there were produced only one hundred thirty pounds of maple sugar and three hundred thirty gallons of maple syrup.<sup>11</sup>

However, the county has distinguished itself in the cultivation and care of fruit trees and has been a leader in making Vermont well known for Red Astrachan, Fameuse, and McIntosh Apples. Although much the smallest of the counties in size it

6. Laws of 1802.
7. Child's Franklin and Grand Isle County Directory, Syracuse, N. Y., 1883, pp. 54-62.
8. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, A. M. Hemenway, 1871, Burlington, Vermont, vol. 2, pp. 475-476.
9. United States Census Reports, 1930.
10. Crop and Livestock Review, Vermont Department of Agriculture, 1937, pp. 4, 5, 10.
11. Ibid., p. 10.



Historical Sketch  
Grand Isle County

ranks fifth in the raising of apples, the production of which in 1937 amounted to 93,300 bushels.<sup>12</sup>

The most significant trend in the agricultural history of the county is the change from the raising of sheep to dairying. In 1860 there were 13,694 sheep and only 3,335 cattle. In 1938 there were only about 1,000 sheep and 7,480 head of cattle which were mostly dairy cows.<sup>13</sup>

This county has had some success in the raising of alfalfa although generally the state's cold winter weather kills the crop.

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12. Ibid., p. 2.

13. United States Census Reports, 1860.  
Crop and Livestock Review, Vermont Department of Agriculture, 1937, pp. 5-7.

TOWNS OF GRAND ISLE COUNTY

BOUNDARIES AS CHARTERED

1779 - 1781

CANADA

ALB

URGH

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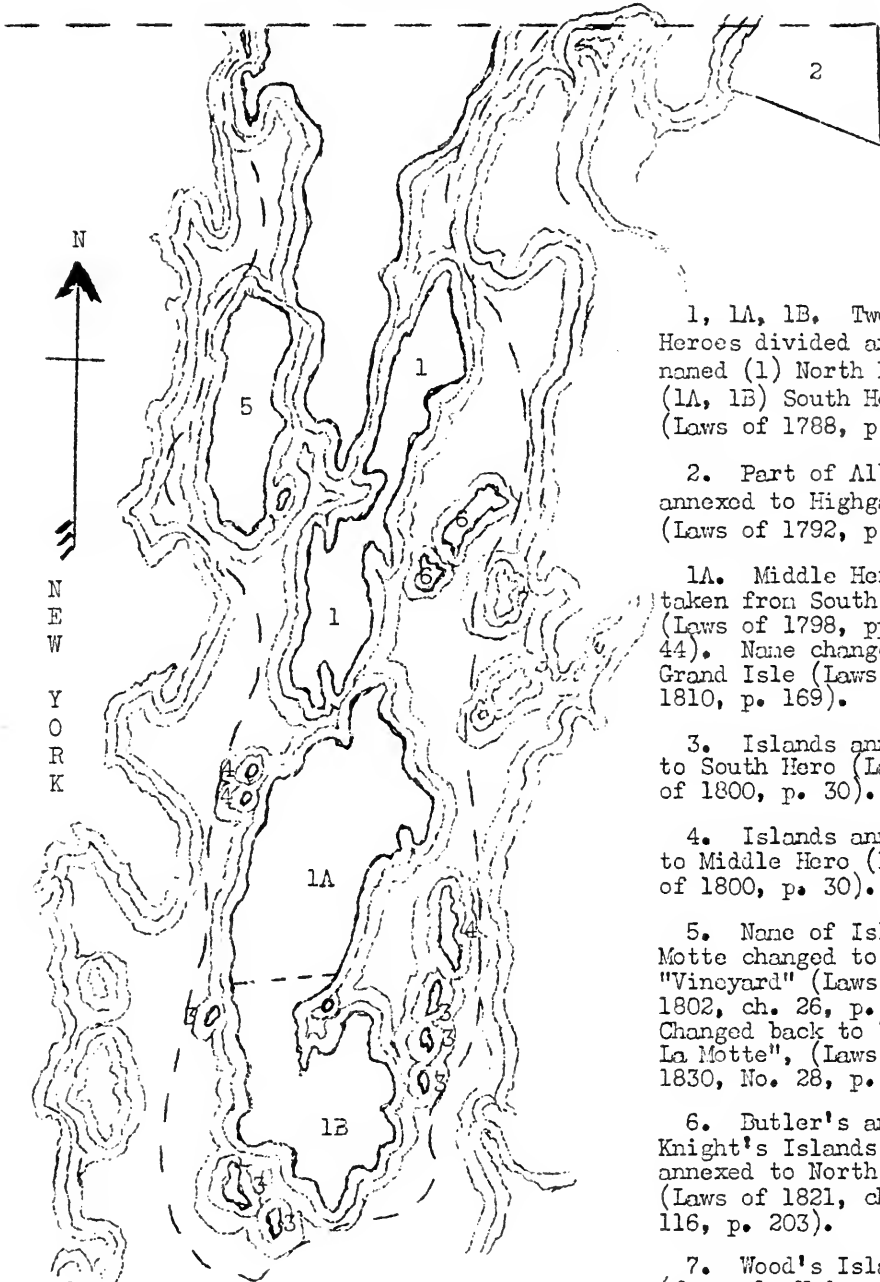
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TOWNS OF GRAND ISLE COUNTY

BOUNDARY CHANGES 1788 - 1938

COUNTY LINE 1802

C A N A D A



1, 1A, 1B. Two Heroes divided and named (1) North Hero, (1A, 1B) South Hero (Laws of 1788, p. 7).

2. Part of Alburgh annexed to Highgate (Laws of 1792, p. 26).

1A. Middle Hero taken from South Hero (Laws of 1798, pp. 42-44). Name changed to Grand Isle (Laws of 1810, p. 169).

3. Islands annexed to South Hero (Laws of 1800, p. 30).

4. Islands annexed to Middle Hero (Laws of 1800, p. 30).

5. Name of Isle La Motte changed to "Vineyard" (Laws of 1802, ch. 26, p. 32). Changed back to "Isle La Motte", (Laws of 1830, No. 28, p. 25).

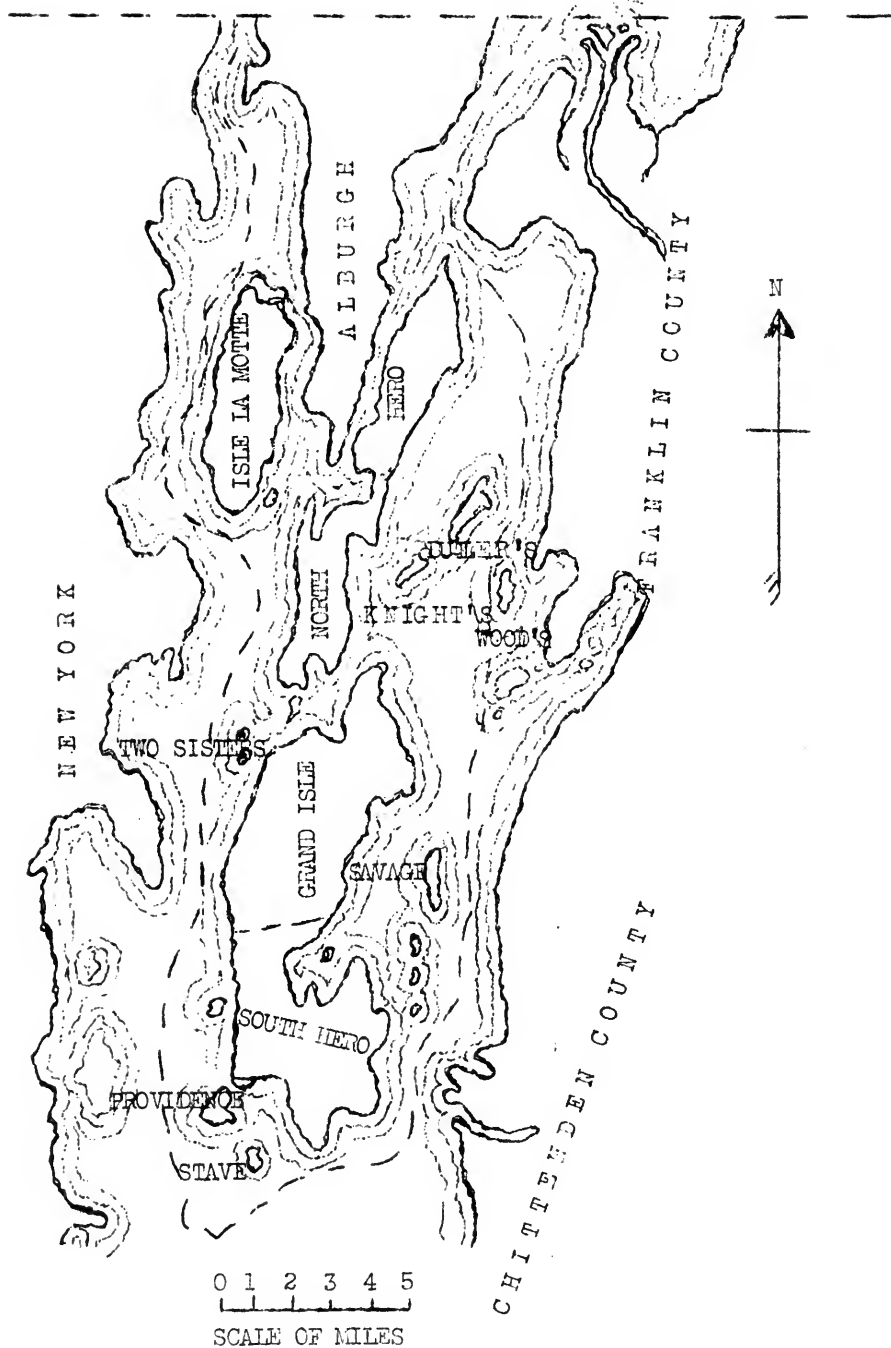
6. Butler's and Knight's Islands annexed to North Hero (Laws of 1821, ch. 116, p. 203).

7. Wood's Island (formerly Hydes Island) annexed to North Hero, (Laws of 1822, ch. 33, p. 35). Reannexed to St. Albans (Laws of 1845, No. 6, p. 6).

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SCALE OF MILES

TOWNS OF GRAND ISLE COUNTY

1938 CANADA



A L B U R G H

1781 - 1938



# ALBURGH

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### ALEURGH

The town of Alburgh is a peninsula which extends from Canada south into Lake Champlain. Mississquoi Bay is on the east; the main channel of the lake on the west. To the south the narrowed end of this peninsula town lies between North Hero on the east and Isle La Motte on the west.

Alburgh was on the main Indian trail from Canada down Lake Champlain. It is said that at one time there was a permanent Indian village here. At any rate it continued until about the time of the Revolution to be a favorite stopping place for hunting parties and groups of Indians traveling both north and south, east and west. In particular the Abenakis and later the St. Francis Indians fought and hunted through this country.

Gray Lock, a famous Indian chief, who had been driven out of Massachusetts during King Philip's war built a fort near Mississquoi Bay, not far from what is now Alburgh. From 1723 to 1725 he made many raids on the harrassed settlements of western Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

The first white man saw the shores of this town in 1609 when the French explorer and colonial administrator Samuel de Champlain passed down the lake toward the "Iroquois country",<sup>2</sup> Subsequently many expeditions of the French and Indians passed on their way to the south.

The French authorities in Canada decided about 1730 to embark on a policy in regard to the Lake Champlain country which was one of defense as well as one of colonization. Seigniorial grants were to be made and settlements founded which would not only extend the cultivated areas of New France, but would in time provide a line of fortifications in the rear of the New England Colonies.

With this in mind grants of land were made in what is now Alburgh as well as on both sides of the lake as far south as Lake George. On April 3, 1733 a grant was made to Francois Foucault which would now lie in the northern part of Alburgh. On April 5, 1733 a grant was made to Sieur Jacques de Lafontaine which was called Belcour. This grant extended "five quarters of a league front on the Chambly river--by the depth which will be found reaching to the Bay of Missisquoi--bordered on the north by the seigniorly recently granted to Francois Foucault". The Belcour grant was the first made by the French which was entirely in Vermont. Sometime between 1733 and 1744 the tip of the Alburgh

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1. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1922, vol. 1, ch. 4.
  2. Voyages of Champlain, Narrated by Himself, translated by Annie Nettleton Bourne, New York, 1922, chs. 9 and 10.

peninsula was made the seigniority of De L'Isle.<sup>3</sup> Settlement was slow and in the general revocation of grants in 1741 all three of the Alburgh seigniorities returned to the crown. Apparently however Sieur Foucault had accomplished more than the others because his grant to which was added the seigniority of Belcour was renewed May 1, 1743<sup>4</sup> and by the act of November 1, 1744 he received the land formerly granted to De L'Isle. So by 1744 Francois Foucault had a seigniority which included all the land in what is now Alburgh.

Foucault made serious attempts at settlement. In 1740 there were seven inhabitants in his little French village. They were Francois Laporte, Christophe de St. Christophe, Thomas Caret, David Corbin, Joseph Xaintonge, Pierre Marmet and Michael St. Julien. The next year these were joined by three more and that inevitable sign of the French frontier village, the fortified mill, was built. This mill cost four thousand livres. Its ruins were plainly visible in 1868.<sup>5</sup> Foucault granted to the Bishop of Quebec land sufficient for a church, a priest's house and a cemetery and farm land for their support. Plans were made to build a church.

King George's War which ended in 1748 made colonization in this area unsafe. But when travel was resumed in 1749 Captain Phineas Stearns noted that "at the emptying of the lake into the Shamblee (Richelieu) River there is a windmill, built of stone; it stands on the east side of the water, and several houses on both sides built before the war, but one inhabited at present". In the same year Peter Kalm, a Swedish scientist, traveled to Canada by way of Lake Champlain. His account states that, "A windmill built of stone stands on the east side of the lake on a projecting piece of ground. Some Frenchmen have lived near it; but they left it when the war broke out, and are not yet come back to it.—The English have burnt the houses here several times but the mill remains unhurt".<sup>6</sup> and <sup>7</sup>

The French never came back to Alburgh until their descendants started the present immigration around 1900. The site of the old mill has, however, always been called Windmill Point.

3. Ms., Vermont State Letters, vol. 24, pp. 108-110.

4. The Seigniorial System in Canada, W. B. Munro, Cambridge, Mass., 1907, p. 50 and note.

5. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Abby Maria Henonway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 1, p. 488.

6. History of Vermont, Crockett, vol. 1, p. 129.

7. The French Occupation of the Champlain Valley from 1609 to 1759, by Guy Omeron Coolidge. Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for September 1938. Our information about the French occupation in Alburgh has been largely taken from Mr. Coolidge's account. He has carefully studied the material in the archives at Quebec and his work seems to be both authoritative and complete.

Historical Sketch  
Alburgh

Alburgh is probably the only town in Vermont which was settled almost entirely by loyalist and British sympathizers. The first permanent settlers came from St. Johns in Canada in 1782. They were people who had fled from the United States to Canada and they thought that Caldwell's Upper Manor, as the town was then known, was on British territory. William Soule who came to Alburgh Springs was a native of Dartmouth, Mass. and was a major in the British Army. Duncan McGregor who settled at McGregor Point was from Montreal.<sup>8</sup>

The fact that these people had British title to land actually in the United States led to fifty years of intricate legal controversy and caused all concerned trouble and loss of money.

When the British acquired Canada from the French in 1763 title rested in the crown as no permanent settlement had been made by the Frenchmen who had received grants of this land. Governor General Haldimand made two grants to Henry Caldwell which were known as Caldwell's Upper and Caldwell's Lower Manor. Caldwell had the land surveyed and the lake shore was marked out in lots. Title passed to John Caldwell, son of Henry Caldwell and settlers came in who signed leases with John Caldwell.<sup>9</sup>

In 1783 after the treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain it became apparent to the settlers that they were in the United States and not in Canada as they had supposed. In 1766 the forty-fifth degree of parallel had been established as a boundary between the provinces of New York and Quebec by a commission which included the governors of the two provinces.<sup>10</sup> This boundary line was substantiated by the treaty of peace of 1783. It is obvious that Governor General Haldimand knew that his jurisdiction went no further south than the forty-fifth degree of parallel and it must therefore be inferred that he did not know exactly where this line crossed Lake Champlain.

At any rate the settlers realized that they had made their homes in the United States from which country they had recently fled and refused to honor their leases to Caldwell.

✓ Whether Alburgh was in New York or Vermont was also a matter of doubt and part of the general controversy between the two states. Vermont took matters into its own hands and on February 23, 1781 the Vermont assembly then sitting at Windsor granted the town to Ira Allen and sixty-four others.<sup>11</sup> Allen had the town surveyed much to the consternation of Caldwell and to the surprise of the settlers.

8. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, vol. 2, p. 489.

9. Ms. Form Lease Lot no. 41 Footnote by Daniel I. Taylor, Vermont Historical Society Collections.

10. History of Vermont, Crockett, vol. 2, p. 598.

11. State Papers of Vermont, vol. 2, p. 4.

Caldwell and Ira Allen met in Montreal and Allen agreed to give up his claim, if the State of Vermont would grant him an Equal amount of land somewhere else. Caldwell then wrote Governor Chittenden and sent him a copy of his grant. He urged Chittenden to substantiate his claim pointing out that it was older than Vermont's claim. Chittenden replied that under the circumstances there was nothing he could do and Ira Allen continued to press his rights under the Vermont grant.<sup>12</sup>

In the meantime the settlers took matters into their own hands. The state levied a tax of one cent per acre to build roads and bridges. The settlers did not pay the tax. They allowed all the occupied land in town to be sold by the sheriff and upon general agreement each was to buy back his own land at the sheriff's sale and work out a payment. Thus their titles would be established through foreclosure. However, this attempt Caldwell managed to forestall. He came down from Montreal with cash and paid the sheriff before the period of redemption had expired.<sup>13</sup>

The settlers still refused to recognize Caldwell's title. They also refused to recognize Ira Allen's title from the state of Vermont. Both claimants brought ejectment suits in the courts, but after long and expensive litigation both were defeated.<sup>14</sup>

There was no organized town government during the first ten years of settlement. The townspeople kept order in their own way and managed their affairs without any regular government. At one time Caldwell came down and offered them the protection of the British Crown. He gave out what purported to be militia commissions and formed two militia companies with Conroy and Savage as captains.<sup>15</sup>

Probably to resist this encroachment of British authority Governor Chittenden insisted that the town organize and elect officers in accordance with the laws of the state.<sup>16</sup> This was done immediately. The first town meeting was held June 8, 1792.<sup>17</sup>

Before the town's organization, it was successively in the counties of Bennington, Rutland, Addison and Chittenden. It was made a part of Franklin County in 1796 and became one of the towns comprising Grand Isle County when that was formed in 1805.

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12. Original Letter from Caldwell to Governor Chittenden, Ms. Vermont State Papers, vol. 24, p. 13. Governor and Council vol. 4, Appendix E.
  13. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, vol. 2, p. 489.
  14. Ibid.
  15. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, vol. 2, p. 490.
  16. State Papers of Vermont, Reports of Committees to the General Assembly, vol. 4, pp. 69-70. Governor and Council, vol. 4, p. 454.
  17. Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9.

✓ There was a British Army Post at Point Aux Fer across the west arm of the lake. On June 8, 1792 a detachment of regulars came over to Alburgh and arrested Enos Wood, a Deputy Sheriff. They took him to St. Johns and confined him to a guard house. On June 12 they arrested Ben Marvin, an Alburgh magistrate.<sup>18</sup>

Following these arrests Governor Chittenden wrote a vigorous note of protest to Governor Clarke of Quebec and he also called these molestations to the attention of Thomas Jefferson, then Secretary of State. The British Minister complained to Jefferson that it was the Vermonters not the British who were exceeding authority. Such irritating events continued to vex the inhabitants of Alburgh until Jay's Treaty settled some of the outstanding questions between Great Britain and the United States.<sup>19</sup>

The question of the land titles was not yet settled, however. Caldwell gave up trying to establish his claim and sold whatever right he had to Heman Allen, nephew of Ethan and Ira Allen, who lived in Highgate. So from this time on the controversy is between the two Allens, Heman and Ira.

Heman Allen brought two suits in the United States Circuit Court under the name of Caldwell. The plaintiff was defeated in both suits on the ground that Caldwell, an alien, could not take lands by descent in Vermont. This ended the attempt to establish the titles under the British grants.<sup>20</sup>

Ira Allen also apparently relinquished his claim. The University of Vermont however, which had been granted one right in the town under the Vermont grant to Ira Allen, brought suit in the state courts to try to establish its claim. This case went up to the Supreme Court and was decided in favor of the defendant about 1830. The court said that in as much as the defendant had been in possession of this land since 1785, the statute of limitation applied and the University of Vermont claim was null and void.<sup>21</sup>

To defray the expenses of defending this suit the state levied a tax of two cents per acre on all the land in the town of Alburgh.<sup>22</sup>

Since this decision was handed down by the state Supreme Court, no further question as to the land titles has arisen. All titles in Alburgh rest on squatters right or title by prescription. None goes back to an original charter and no lots were reserved for schools, churches or minister.

A law passed by Congress March 2, 1791 provided for the collection of duties on "goods, wares, and merchandise" and "on tonnage

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18. State Papers of Vermont, Ms. vol. 4, p. 70.

19. History of Vermont, Crockett, vol. 4, pp. 529-532.

20. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, vol. 2, p. 492.

21. Vermont Supreme Court Reports, vol. 3, A. pp. 551-561.

22. Laws of Vermont, 1831, Private Acts, no. 35.

of ships and vessel" and made Vermont a customs district with Alburgh the port of entry and residence of the collector.<sup>23</sup>

Smuggling had always made a living for some Alburgh citizens but after the passage of the Embargo Acts in 1808 it became a commonly accepted occupation. Potash, pearlash and lumber were the Vermont cash crops in those days and were the principle articles of the smugglers. The fact that giant rafts containing thousands of feet of lumber could be smuggled across the line shows the state of affairs on the border. Daniel and Duncan McGregor, brothers, were the leaders in the business. They knew every back road, every swamp path in the woods, and all the bays and harbors on the lake.

It was a question at times which were the more powerful the citizens or the United States revenue officers. On June 13, 1808 sixty armed men captured a lumber raft from federal soldiers who guarded it. The lumber was being sent from Whitehall, N. Y. to Canada in violation of the Embargo Act. There was firing from both sides, but the lumber raft was successfully piked into the Richelieu on the Canadian side. The sixty men received eight hundred dollars for this job. Out of this affair came a famous trial, U. S. vs. Frederick Hoxie. Hoxie was one of the smugglers who fired on the soldiers and he was accused of treason, but was acquitted.<sup>24</sup>

The rebellion in Canada of 1837 known as Papineau's War or the Patriots' War was a period of excitement and strife for the people of Alburgh. The sympathies of the Americans along the border was entirely with the patriots. It was thought that if the "Tory-belt" north of the border could be penetrated and contact made with the French, a successful uprising could be instigated. Some of the leaders of the rebellion particularly James Grogan of Beach Ridge, Quebec, made Alburgh their headquarters. Arms were collected and enlistments made. Benjamin Mott, an Alburgh citizen, was captured and spent seven years in exile.

During the years of the rebellion rival factions raided each others homes and burned and pillaged. A volunteer guard was raised at Alburgh to patrol the roads as the Queens dragoons threatened retaliation on the people south of the line.<sup>25</sup>

The name Alburgh is supposed to be a contraction of Allenburgh after Ira Allen.

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23. Vermont Gazette, March 21, 1791. Governor and Council, vol. 3, p. 489.
  24. U. S. vs. Frederick Hoxie, United States Circuit Court Reports, 1, Paine 265.
  25. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, vol. 2, pp. 499-502.

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When the town received its grant from the State of Vermont in 1781 it included land on the east side of the lake now in the town of Highgate November 1, 1792.<sup>26</sup>

The first attempt to establish a church was made by the French, (see above page 15) but the settlement was not permanent. It was sometime later on January 25, 1794 at a special meeting of the newly organized town that Rev. Reuben Garlick was unanimously elected to be the first settled minister.<sup>27</sup> He of course did not receive the glebe usually given to the first minister as the town was settled without benefit of charter.

The congregational church of Alburgh was organized in 1824 by the Rev. Simeon Parmelee and the Rev. E. W. Dorman. At the present time there is a Catholic Church at Alburgh and there are also Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches.

Rev. Dr. Garlick, the first settled minister, taught a school for three years about 1800. Later the Rev. Thomas Marvin taught near the border north of Alburgh Springs. The town was first divided into school districts in 1803.<sup>28</sup> By 1880 there were ten school districts and ten common schools. At the present time there is being built in Alburgh a very fine high school building to which will probably come students from all over Grand Isle County.

The economic history of Alburgh is much like that of other Vermont towns. Lumbering was the most important early industry. This changed to sheep raising as the forests were cut-off. Now dairying occupies most of the townspeople.

Alburgh overlies a bed of Utica slate and coal in small quantities has been found. Neither quarrying nor mining on a commercial scale has been undertaken.

The town is connected with New York and the Vermont mainland by bridges, ferries and by a railroad. There is also a bridge across the Alburgh passage to North Hero and a bridge to Isle La Motte.<sup>29</sup> In 1935 the legislature authorized the building of the Mississquoi Bay Bridge from Swanton, Vt. to Alburgh. This structure which cost about \$560,000 was opened to traffic April 10, 1938. It will operate as a toll bridge for twenty-five years and will then be turned over to the state highway system.<sup>30</sup>

Alburgh has had its share of native sons who have taken an active part in the affairs of other communities. Perhaps one of

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26. Laws of Vermont, 1792, p. 6.

27. Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 271.

28. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 54-55.

29. Laws of Vermont, 1882.

30. Swanton, Vermont, 175th Anniversary Historical Sketch, 1938.

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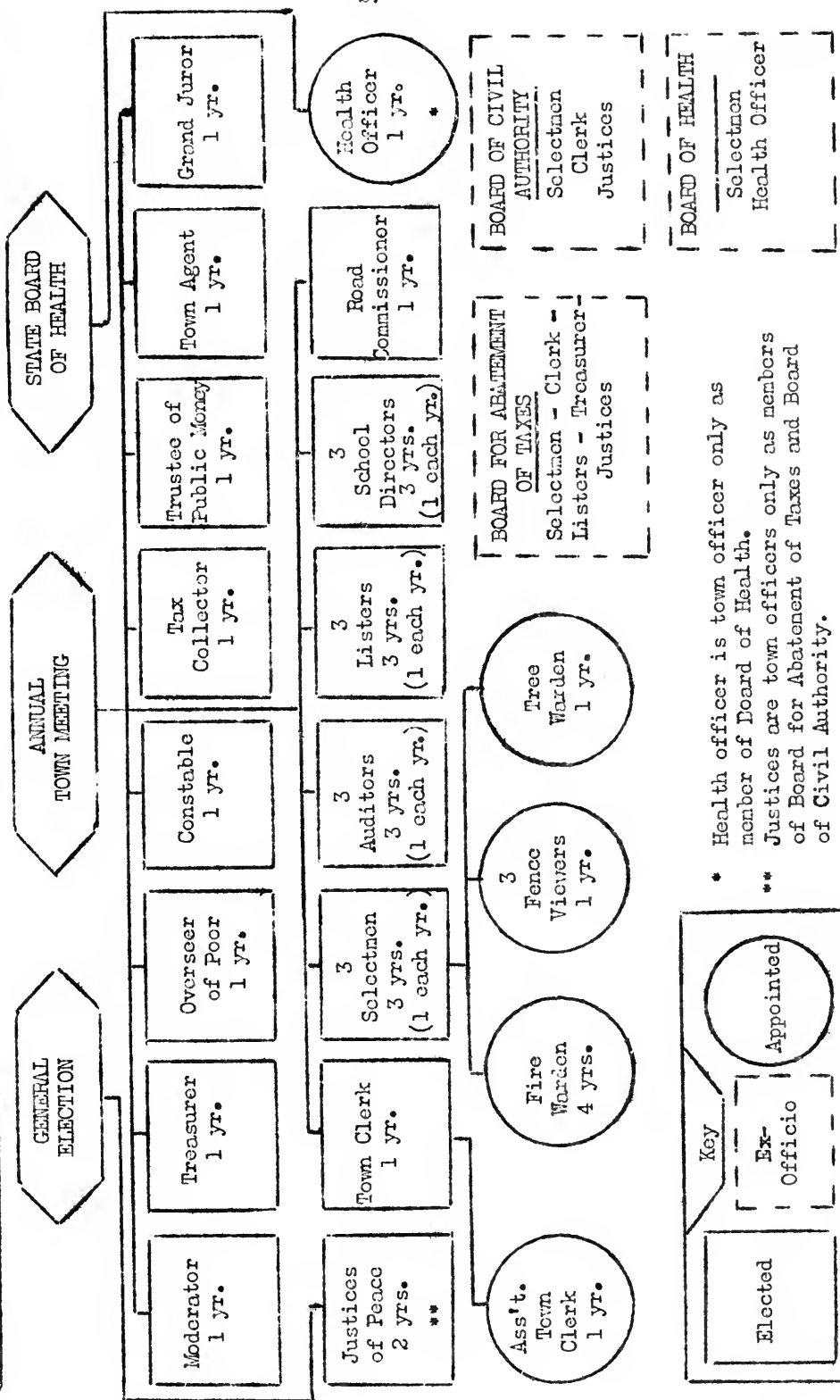
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the better known was Darwin P. Kingsley who was born in Alburgh and educated at the University of Vermont. He became president and then chairman of the board of directors for the New York Life Insurance Company.

According to the United States census the population changes have been as follows: 1800-750, 1830-1239, 1850-1568, 1870-1716, 1890-1390, 1910-1311, 1930-1609.



# DIAGRAM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT OF ALBUQUERQUE 1938



\* Health officer is town officer only as member of Board of Health.  
 \*\* Justices are town officers only as members of Board for Abatement of Taxes and Board of Civil Authority.

Key

Elected

Ex-Officio

Appointed

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#### HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the records in the inventory of the town of Alburgh except the records of the selectmen, tax collector, road commissioner, overseer of poor and school directors are located at the residence of the town clerk, Mrs. J. R. Lewis, who is also treasurer. Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all the records are located in two old safes. Many records are also kept in two steel filing cabinets and some are stored in the attic at the residence of the clerk.

The building which houses the town clerk's office is a two-story wooden structure built in 1901. It is in no way fireproof and in case of fire the records would likely suffer severe loss. The building is located about two and one half miles southeast of Alburgh Village.

The records are available for inspection at all reasonable hours. The room used as an office is well lighted. This room is used as such in warm weather only. No attempt is made to heat this room and during cold weather all the office work is done in the living room which is well lighted and heated. The town clerk cooperates fully with anyone wishing to use the records and offers the use of her living room. This room is adjacent to the office and has adequate accommodations.

Since Mrs. J. R. Lewis is also treasurer the treasurer's records are found at the clerk's office. The records of the selectmen, tax collector, road commissioner, overseer of poor and school directors are located at their respective residences as noted in the inventory. Some of the school records are located at the residence of the superintendent of schools.

## TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

### I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first annual town meeting June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). Since that time a town clerk has been elected annually. For the past few years an assistant clerk has been appointed by the town clerk.

#### Governmental

1. (CHARTER, RECORD OF), February 23, 1781. In vol. 2, pp. 199-203 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-ix; also copy in vol. 2, pp. 4-6 of State Papers of Vermont, Vermont Charters, published by authority, Bellows Falls, Vt., P. H. Goble Press, Inc., 1922.

Record of town charter granted by Vermont to named proprietors: defining boundaries, setting off public land, list of grantees, conditions of grant, name of signer-governor, attest of deputy's secretary, date of certification of recording in Book of Charters by secretary, date recorded, attest of town clerk.

2. (PLAN OF LOTTING), approx. 1790. 1 sheet. Showing boundaries, relationship to adjoining towns and Province of Quebec, names and location of points of land and bays of lake, lot numbers of property. Blueprint. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 32. Cupboard.

3. (TOWN MEETING RECORDS), 1792--. In vols. 1-9, 11-26, 30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xlvii.

Warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, names of signers-selectmen; minutes show date and place meeting held, election of officers, reports of officers, action taken on articles of warning and other town affairs; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For related warning records see entry 5-xvi.

4. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1794--. In vols. 1-9, 11-26, 30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xx.

Warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings show place and date election to be held, purpose of meeting, date of warning, name of signer-constable; minutes show place and date meeting held, names of candidates, tabulation of ballots, attest of constable; occasionally date recorded; clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 45-vii.

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS, 1911-21, 1923--. 27 vols. and duplicates for 1911, 1920, 1923, 1925, 1929-30, 1932-33, 1935--. Also duplicates for 1911, 1916-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Annual Report of the Officers, 1911-21, 1923-35, 24 vols.

Contains:

- i. Auditors' reports showing a general statement regarding the manner of keeping the town accounts, date of report, attest of auditors. After 1912 omits general statement and adds list of accounts presented and allowed for services rendered, amount of delinquent taxes, total assets of town, list of unpaid outstanding orders, summary of town finances. For prior related records, 1818, 1877-1904, see entry 11-vi.
- ii. Bar charts, 1936, charting town indebtedness, tax rate, delinquent taxes, charity cost, highway costs, elementary and high school tuition costs for period 1926-35, showing year, bar, amount and scale.
- iii. Births, report of, 1926--, showing name of child, date of birth, name of father and maiden name of mother. For birth records see entry 23.
- iv. Deaths, report of, 1926--, showing name and age of deceased, name of father, maiden name of mother, date of death. For death records see entry 25.
- v. Health officer's report, 1921, 1923, showing year, kind and number of cases of communicable diseases; total number of births, marriages and deaths; inspection reports and recommendations; name of health officer.
- vi. Library reports, 1916-18, 1921, 1923, showing number and condition of books in library; statement of receipts, disbursements and balance on hand; date of report; name of library treasurer; after 1918 omits number and condition of books.
- vii. Marriages, report of, 1926--, showing names and residences of groom and bride, date of marriage. For marriage records see entry 24.
- viii. Old age assistance reports, 1937--, showing statement by state commissioner of amount paid for old age assistance and funeral claims paid to inhabitants during year.
- ix. Overseer of poor's reports, showing number, date, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; statement of rental and expenses of poor farm; name of overseer; 1918-20 omits order number; 1923-- omits poor farm account; 1923-31 omits date of order; 1936-- includes report of federal surplus relief commodities showing kind and amount of commodity received, names of persons receiving commodities and amount given each, amount of spoilage if any, kind and amount of commodities on hand at end of year.

- x. Road commissioner's reports showing number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; summary of snow and highway accounts; town and state aid work reported separately; 1912 adds name of road commissioner; 1911-21, 1923-29, snow removal cost shown by road commissioner; 1912-20 shows inventory of material and equipment on hand.
  - xi. School directors' reports, showing name of payee, purpose, amount and occasionally date of order, total cost, names of school directors; 1916-21, 1923-- shows recommendations of school directors; 1923-- adds summary of cost per school showing name of school, number of pupils, total cost, cost per pupil; 1934-- adds financial statement showing receipts, disbursements and balance on hand if any.
  - xii. Selectmen's reports, showing number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; summary of costs; 1911-15 estimate of costs for next year; names of selectmen; 1930-- shows orders drawn for snow removal.
  - xiii. Superintendent of schools' reports, 1916, 1921, 1923-- , showing a statement of existing conditions and recommendations of improvements for the future; 1921, 1923-- costs and estimate of costs for next year with estimated school tax rate; name of superintendent of schools. For related records see entry 67.
  - xiv. Town officers, list of, showing name of office and incumbent(s).
  - xv. Treasurer's reports showing itemized statement of receipts and disbursements and balance on hand if any under headings of general, school, highway and town funds; report of treasurer as collector of taxes showing amount of grand list, rate and amount collected for town tax, highway, school, state and county tax, total amount collected, amount turned over to delinquent tax collector. 1916-21, 1923-- adds special report of revenue received from dog licenses and amount paid out for damages by dogs. 1912-13, 1915, omits report of treasurer as tax collector.
  - xvi. Warnings for town meetings showing place, date and time meeting to be held; list of articles to be acted on; names of signers-selectmen. For related records see entry 3.
- No arr. No index. Printed. Aver. 40 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8. Cupboard.

6. (CHECK LIST OF VOTERS), 1908-- . 29 vols. in triplicate. Alphabetical list of voters entered under first letter of surname with cross indicating casting of ballot, year. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 50 pp. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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7. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1873--. In vols. 17-26, 27-30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxxii.

Name of office and appointee, date of appointment, name of appointing officer, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally includes term and certification of oath of office.

For original appointments, 1910-13, see entry 45-xi.

8. (OFFICERS' OATHS), 1792-- scattered dates. In vols. 1-3, 7-8, 17-18, 21-26, 27-30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxxiii.

Name of office and officer, date oath was taken, statement of taking or copy of oath, date recorded, clerk's attest. In earlier records usually the statement "sworn" or "qualified" with the recording of election of the officer in lieu of full statement or copy of oath.

For related records see entry 45-ix.

9. RECORD OF TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1899-1909. 1 vol. 1793-1898, 1910-- scattered dates, in vols. 1-9, 11-21, 24-26, 27-30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxxviii.

Name of person bonded; name(s) of surety; amount, date and conditions of bond; names of principals, sureties and witnesses; acceptance by selectmen; date recorded; clerk's attest. 1793-1898 usually showed name of surety, amount of bond, and occasionally conditions noted with the recording of election of officer in lieu of complete bond. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

For original bonds, 1910--, see entry 10.

10. TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1910--. 1 bundle.

Original bonds showing information as in entry 9. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed forms. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 x 2. Filing cabinet.

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11. LAND (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1768--. 30 vols. (1-9, 11-26, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 27-30). Title varies: Book of Records, 1768-1812, vols. 1-5, 1822-33, vols. 8-9, 1857-81, vols. 17-18; Records, 1833-40, vol. 11, 1852-67, vols. 14-16; Town Records, 1845-52, vol. 13; Ledger, 1813-43, vol. 6, 1840-45, vol. 12; no title, 1818-22, vol. 7.

Land records, 1792--: deeds, mortgages, assignments, indentures, wills, leases and other instruments affecting real estate showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, conditions and date of instruments, recital of title, names of signers--principal(s) and witnesses, acknowledgment, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally mortgage discharges are noted across the face

of the record. For original deeds, 1873-- , see entry 45-vi.  
Also contains:

- i. Alburgh cemetery, plan of, 1896, showing lay-out of lots, drives and walks; numbering of lots with a key list of owners; pasted in front of vol. 22.
- ii. Alburgh Village, establishment of bounds of, 1916, showing authority, declaration, description of boundaries, selectmen's attest of recording and posting of bounds, date of establishment, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 26. For related records see entry 73-ii
- iii. Appraisal of school property, 1893, showing date of appraisal, school district number, valuation of property of each district, total valuation, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 21.
- iv. Apprenticeship of minor paupers, 1803, 1869, 1876-77, 1886, showing name of overseer of poor; recital of jurisdiction; authority; declaration; name and age of minor; name of guardian; term of apprenticeship; conditions; date of apprenticeship; names of signers-overseer, guardian and witnesses; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 3, 17, 18, 20.
- v. (Articles of Association), 1902-- scattered dates, entry 13.
- vi. Auditors' reports, 1818, 1877-1904, showing receipts, disbursements and balance of treasurer; itemized list of account paid and occasionally an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year; occasionally attest of auditors; vols. 7, 18-23. For subsequent related records, 1911-21, 1923-- , see entry 5-1.
- vii. (Bills of Sale), 1793, 1850-1934 scattered dates, entry 18.
- viii. (Births, Family Records), 1768-1857, entry 23.
- ix. (Charter, Record of), 1781, entry 1.
- x. (Chattel Mortgage Records), 1871, 1875-78, 1936, entry 20.
- xi. Church pew deeds, 1855-56, 1866, showing names of principals, consideration, pew number, date of deed, names of signers-principals and witnesses, affidavit of principals, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 14, 16, 18.
- xii. (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1873-1914 scattered dates, entry 17.
- xiii. Copartnership records, 1909-21 scattered dates, showing name and location of firm, names and addresses of partners, authority, appointment of agent to receive service of civil process, date and place of appointment of agent, name of signer-non-resident partner, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 24-26. For related records see entry 11-xxv.
- xiv. (Death Records), 1800-1843 scattered dates, entry 25.
- xv. (Earmarks of Cattle and Sheep), 1805-32 scattered dates, entry 22.
- xvi. Estray notice, 1860, showing place animal found, kind and description of animal, request to prove property,

- date of notice, name of signer-subscriber, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 16.
- xvii. Fence viewers' decisions, 1875-1902 scattered dates, showing names of disputants, date of decision, stipulation as to section to be built and maintained by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 18, 21, 22.
- xviii. Ferry rate schedules, 1799-1810 scattered dates, showing date of establishment, authority, location of ferry, name(s) of operator(s), itemized list of rates, names of signers-selectmen, affidavit, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 3, 5. For related records see entry 11-xix.
- xix. Ferries, establishment of, 1915, 1918-22, 1924, showing authority, declaration of establishment, location of ferry, appointment of operator, date of establishment, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 26, 27. For related records see entry 11-xviii.
- xx. (Freemen's Meetings), 1794-- , entry 4.
- xxi. Grand lists, 1793-1806: lists for 1793-1804 show year, name of owner, amount of each list, total list, usually name of signers-listers, 1805-6 adds amount of poll, number of acres, houses, other property, amount of militia polls; vols. 1-4. For subsequent related records, 1849-- scattered dates, see entry 51.
- xxii. Highway district bounds, 1792-1801, showing district number, description of boundaries; vol. 1.
- xxiii. Jurors drawn, returns of, 1894-97, showing date of return, names of grand and petit jurors, occasionally name of signer-county clerk, date recorded, attest of town clerk; vol. 21.
- xxiv. Land grants within the town copied from a record in registrar's office at Quebec, 1801-3, showing date of grant, names of grantees, description of boundaries, conditions, name of signer-grantor, certification of secretary and registrar of records, name of translator and justice of peace, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxv. Land surveys, 1798-1800, 1802, 1820, 1837, showing name of owner, lot number, location of lot, description of boundaries, number of acres, date of survey, name of signer-surveyor, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 3, 7, 11.
- xxvi. Land taxes and vendues, 1798-1813 scattered dates, showing authority, purpose of vendue, number and location of lot, amount of land sold, purchaser's name, amount of taxes and costs, date of sale, attest of constable, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1-3, 5, 6.
- xxvii. Lien Records, 1871-93 scattered dates, entry 16.
- xxviii. (Liquor Licenses), 1854-56, 1858-59, entry 41.
- xxix. List of freemen eligible to vote in town and freemen's meetings, 1792-1907 scattered dates; vols. 1, 3-5, 12-13, 17-18, 22-24.



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- xxx. Lists of persons taking freemen's oath, 1792-- scattered dates; vols. 1-19, 11-26, 30.
- xxxi. Mechanic's liens, 1854, 1914, showing name and address of creditor, recital of authority, declaration, description of materials and labor furnished, terms, name of debtor, date of lien, names of signers-creditor and witness, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 14, 25. For related records see entry 16.
- xxxii. (Officers' Appointments), 1873-- , entry 7.
- xxxiii. (Officers' Oaths), 1792-- scattered dates, entry 8.
- xxxiv. Ordinations of clergymen, 1815, 1818, 1819, showing name and title of ordaining official, authority, declaration, name of person ordained, office in church, name of church, qualifications of candidate, conditions, date of ordination, name of signer-ordaining official, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 6-8.
- xxxv. Partnership, dissolution of, 1915, 1919, 1921, showing authority, date of dissolution, names and addresses of partners, declaration of dissolution, location of business, names and affidavit of signers-partners, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 26. For related records see entry 11-xiii.
- xxxvi. Pole line permits, 1898, 1905, 1918, 1934, showing names of principals, authorization, location of line, conditions, date of permit, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 22, 23, 26, 29.
- xxxvii. Record of Marriages, 1798-1893 scattered dates, entry 24.
- xxxviii. Record of Town Officers' Bonds, 1793-1898, 1910-- scattered dates, entry 9.
- xxxix. Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., 1793-1841, entry 15.
- xl. Roads discontinued, 1831, 1852, 1862, 1865, showing location of road, declaration and date of discontinuance, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally accompanied by petition for discontinuance showing request, location of highway, date of petition, list of petitioners; vols. 9, 14, 16.
- xli. (Road Mileages), 1893-- scattered dates, entry 70.
- xlii. Road surveys and lay-outs, 1793-1929 scattered dates, showing location and survey of road, declaration of opening, date of survey, names of signers-selectmen and occasionally name of surveyor, occasionally awarding of damages to property owners, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally accompanied by petition for lay-out showing request and proposed location of road, date of petition, list of petitioners; vols. 1, 7, 9, 12-20, 22, 28.
- xliii. School census, 1804, showing district number, number of children in each district, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xliv. School district surveys, 1803: first division of town into school districts showing district number, date

- of survey, description of boundaries, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xlvi. (Stallion Records), 1889, entry 21.
  - xlvi. (Teachers' Licenses), 1846-69 scattered dates, entry 44.
  - xlvi. (Town Meeting Records), 1792--, entry 3.
  - xlvi. (Victualing House Licenses), 1859, entry 43.
  - xlix. Warnings to leave town, 1808-17 scattered dates, showing recital of authority, names of parties warned, date of warning, names of signers-selectmen; officer's return of service showing date of service, description of service, attest of serving officer-usually constable, notation of fees, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 5, 6.
- Chron. entry. Vols. 1, 3-9, 11-30, 1768-1801, 1804--, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records and a portion of the miscellaneous items indexed alph. by type of contents; vol. 2, 1801-3, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee only for land records and no index for miscellaneous items; vol. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1920, no index in vol. For separate index, 1857--, see entry 12. Vols. 1-9, 11-20, 26, 27-30, 1768-1843, 1833-92, 1915--, hdw.; vols. 21-25, 1891-1921, hdw. some printed forms; vol. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , printed. 145-630 pp. 10 x 6-3/4 x 5/8 - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

12. GENERAL INDEX TO LAND RECORDS, 1857--. 1 vol.

Index to land records volumes 14-30 and a portion of the miscellaneous records in entry 11 showing names of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, type of contents, volume number and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records; entered alph. by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Hdw. on printed forms. Condition fair. 600 pp. 16-3/4 x 12 x 2-2/3. On safe.

13. (ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION), 1902-- scattered dates. In vols. 23-24, 29-30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-v.

Name, date, purpose and articles of association; authority; names and addresses of incorporators; amount of stock subscribed by each; secretary of state's affidavit; date recorded; clerk's attest.

14. RECORD OF CEMETERY DEEDS, 1904--. 1 vol.

Record of deeds to cemetery lots showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description of property, names of signers-grantor and witnesses, date of deed, acknowledgment of grantor, date recorded, clerk's attest. Includes also acknowledgments of payments for burial lots, showing date of payment, consideration, location of lot, name of signer-vendor, date recorded, clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 201 pp. (10 pp. used) 14 x 8 x 1. Cupboard.

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15. RECORD OF WRITS, ATTACHMENTS (Executions) ETC., 1842-1909. 2 vols. (1; one unnumbered). Title varies: Records, Attachments and Marriages, 1842-37, 1 vol. 1793-1841 in vols. 1-9, 11, 12 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxxix; 1797-1880 in vol. 10 of Record of Marriages, entry 24-ii.

Attachments showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-issuing officer, recognition of surety for costs of prosecution, amount of bond, attest of court; abstracts of above usually recorded in lieu of full attachment showing place of issuance and date of writ, names of parties, cause of action, and amount of damage; officers' returns showing date and place of service, description of property attached, place and date filed, name of signer-serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest. Executions showing type of execution, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment and costs, recital of authority, officers' instructions, place and date of executions, name of signer-court; abstracts of above usually recorded in lieu of full execution showing place of issuance and date of writ, names of parties and court, date and accounting of damages and costs; officers' return showing place and date of service, demand, description of property levied on and sold, proceeds, amount of damages and costs, name of signer-serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest. For original writs, 1924--, see entry 45-i.

Also contains:

- i. (Births, Family Records), 1812, 1814, 1816, 1824, entry 23.
- ii. (Death Records), 1824, entry 25.
- iii. (Liquor Licenses), 1851, entry 41.
- iv. Record of Marriages, 1857-63, 1865-67, entry 24.
- v. (Teachers' Licenses), 1846-50, 1855-56, entry 44.
- vi. (Victualing House Licenses), 1850-51, entry 43.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant for attachments and executions; no index to miscellaneous items. Hdw. Aver. 320 pp. 13 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Cupboard.

16. LIEN RECORDS, 1879--. 7 vols. (1-7). Title varies: Chattel Mortgages, 1879-1901, 1916-37, vols. 1, 2, 4-6; no title, 1901-16, vol. 3. 1871-93 scattered dates in vols. 17, 18, 20, 21 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxvii.

Lien notes showing names of parties, amount and date of note, terms of payment, description of property, names of signers-makers and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest. For related records see entry 11-xxxi.

Also contains:

- i. (Bills of Sale), entry 18.
- ii. (Chattel Mortgage Records), entry 20.
- iii. (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 17.
- iv. (Indentures), entry 19.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: vendee-vendor, vendor-vendee for bills of sale and conditional

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sales; mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for chattel mortgages; lessor-lessee, lessee-lessor for indentures; payer-payee, payee-payer for lien notes. Hdw., some printed forms in vols. 2, 4-6; 1922-- some printed forms pasted in. Vol. 3, 1901-16, condition very poor. 280-600 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

17. (CONDITIONAL SALE CONTRACTS), 1873--. 1873-1914 scattered dates in vols. 17-20, 25 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xii; 1879-- in vols. 1-7 of Lien Records, entry 16-iii.

Names of parties; date, amount and conditions of sale; description of property; names of signers-vendee and witnesses; date recorded; clerk's attest.

18. (BILLS OF SALE), 1793, 1850--. 1793, 1850-1934 scattered dates in vols. 1, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-vii; 1879-- in vols. 1-7 of Lien Records, entry 16-i.

Names of vendor and vendee, description of property, amount and date of sale, name of signer-vendor, date recorded, clerk's attest.

19. (INDENTURES), 1879--. In vols. 1-7 of Lien Records, entry 16-iv.

Names of parties; date, consideration, and conditions of indentures; names of signers-principals and witnesses; date recorded; clerk's attest.

20. (CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORDS), 1871, 1875--. 1871, 1875-78, 1936 in vols. 17, 18, 29 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-x; 1879-- in vols. 1-7 of Lien Records, entry 16-ii.

Names of mortgagors and mortgagees, consideration, description of property, conditions and date of mortgage, names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgment, affidavit of both parties, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1929, 1935, see entry 45-iii.

21. (STALLION RECORDS), 1905--. 1 vol. Last entry 1931. 1889 in vol. 20 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xlv.

Name and residence of owner; place where stallion is kept; name, age, size, color, weight and pedigree of stallion; name of breeder, name of signer-owner or user; acknowledgment; date recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Condition fair. 50 pp.  $10 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

22. (EARMARKS OF CATTLE AND SHEEP), 1797-1880. 1797-1880 in vol. 10 of record of marriages, entry 24-i; 1805-32 scattered dates also in vols. 1, 3 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xv.

Description of mark, name of owner, date recorded, name of transferee if any, date transferred.

Vital Statistics

23. (BIRTHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1768-1857. 1768-1857 in vols. 1-2, 11, 12 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-viii; 1812, 1814, 1816, 1824 in vol. for 1842-97 of Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15-i.

Name of father and after 1805 names of both parents, names of children, date of birth.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1902, see entries 26-i, 27-i, 28; for birth certificates see entry 30; for birth reports see entry 5-iii.

24. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1797-1880. 1 vol. (10 also dated 1827). 1798-1893 scattered dates in vols. 3-6, 11, 14, 21 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxvii; 1857-63, 1865-67 also in vol. for 1842-97 of Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15-iv.

Place and date of marriage; names and addresses of groom and bride; declaration of marriage by performing official; after 1858 adds age of bride and groom, number of marriage of each, and occupation of groom; after 1865 adds names of parents of each.

Also contains:

- i. (Earmarks of Cattle and Sheep), entry 22.
  - ii. Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15.
- Chron. entry. No index. H&W. Condition fair. 176 pp. 13 x 8½ x 3/4.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1904, see entries 26-iii, 31; for marriage certificates see entry 33; for marriage reports see entry 5-vii.

25. (DEATH RECORDS), 1800-1843. 1800-1843 scattered dates in vols. 3-6 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xiv; 1824 also in vol. for 1842-97 of record of Writs, Attachments (Execution) Etc., entry 15-ii.

Name and occasionally age of deceased, date of death.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1902, see entries 26-ii, 27-ii, 34; for death certificates see entries 35, 36; for death reports see entry 5-iv.

26. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1857-82. 2 vols. (1, 2). System established 1857. Title varies: Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths, 1857-67, vol. 1.

Contains:

- i. Births showing date and place of birth; name, sex and condition of child; names, residence and birth-places of parents; occupation of father. For prior related records, 1768-1857, see entry 23.
- ii. Deaths showing date and place of death, name, age, sex and condition of deceased; occupation if male over 15 years of age; place of birth; name of parents;

disease or cause of death. For prior related records, 1800-1843, see entry 25.

- iii. Marriages showing date of marriage; names and surnames, ages, birthplaces, residences of groom and bride; occupation of groom; names of parents; number of marriage of groom and bride; name and title of officiating person. For prior related records, 1797-1880, see entry 24.

Chron. entry. Separate index to births see entry 29; to marriages see entry 32; no index to deaths. Hdw. under printed headings. 78-240 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ . Cupboard.

27. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1883-96. 1 vol. (3).

Contains:

- i. Births showing information as in entry 26-i omitting condition. For prior related records, 1768-1857, see entry 23.  
ii. Deaths showing information as in entry 26-ii adding statement of marital status. For prior related records, 1800-1843, see entry 25.

Chron. entry. Separate index to births see entry 29; no index to deaths. Hdw. under printed headings. 140 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 3/4$ . Cupboard.

28. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897-1902. 1 vol. (4). System discontinued 1902.

Showing information as in entry 26-i adding date of recording, race or color, name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 29. Hdw. under printed headings. 110 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

For prior related records, 1768-1857, see entry 23.

29. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, 1757-1902. 1 vol.

Index to births only serving entries 26-i, 27-i, 28 showing name of child, volume and page reference and date of birth. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition very poor. 75 pp.  $14 \times 9 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

30. (BIRTH CERTIFICATES), 1903--. 34 folders (labeled by years). System established 1903.

Original certificates showing date and place of birth; name and sex of child; age, residence and birthplace of parents; occupation of father; race or color; number of child of mother; condition as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; signature and residence of physician or informant; date filed. 1920-- adds information as to multiple births and number in order of such births; statement of legitimacy; occupation of mother; number of children of mother now living; certificate of physician or midwife. 1931-- adds detailed information regarding occupation of parents; whether or not child was premature or full term; period of gestation if stillborn. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . In file drawers labeled "Births, Deaths, Marriages".

For birth records see entry 23.

31. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1882-1904. 2 vols. (3, 4). System discontinued 1904.

Showing information as in entry 26-iii adding date recorded and clerk's attest and certificate of performing official rather than name and title of officiating person. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of groom. Separate index see entry 32. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 120 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. Cupboard.

For prior related records, 1797-1880, see entry 24.

32. INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1857-1904. 1 vol.

Index serving entries 26-iii, 31, showing names of groom and bride, date of marriage, volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride and bride-groom. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 110 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/4. Cupboard.

33. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1905--. 1 vol., 28 folders (labeled by year). System established 1905.

Original certificate showing date of marriage; name, residence, color, occupation, number of marriage, divorced status, age and birthplace of bride and groom; name and birthplace of father and mother of bride and groom; signature of bride or groom; certification of marriage and signature of performing official; certification and signature of clerk; 1908-- adds oath of groom or bride to truth of statements. Vol., 1905-8, chron. entry; folders, 1908--, no arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1905-8, 100 certificates 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4; folders, 1908--, 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1/4. Vol., 1905-8, cupboard; folders, 1908--, in file drawer marked "Births, Deaths and Marriages".

For marriage records see entry 24.

34. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897-1902. 1 vol. (4). System discontinued 1902.

Showing information as in entry 26-ii adding marital status, date of record, race or color, name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1/2. Cupboard.

For prior related records, 1800-1843, see entry 25.

35. (DEATH CERTIFICATES). 1903--. 34 folders (labeled by year). System established 1903.

Original certificates showing date and place of death; name, age and sex of deceased; occupation of male if over 15 years of age; place and date of birth; name and birthplace of parents; disease or cause of death; marital status; race or color; name of spouse; place and date of burial; name address of undertaker; certificate of principal and contributing causes of death and duration of illness; signatures of physician and/or of health officer and/or name and address of informant; date of filing. 1931-- adds death from external cause or violence with date and place, manner and nature of injury and statement of physician as to whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1/2. In file drawer

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labeled "Births, Deaths, Marriages".

For death records see entry 25; for related certificates see entry 36.

36. CERTIFICATE OF DEATH, 1886-87, 1903, 1915, 1917-18, 1921-25. 1 bundle.

Physician's certificate of death issued in Vermont and Province of Quebec showing date of death; name, age, place of death, disease or cause of death, sex, marital status, occupation or profession, place of birth and names of parents of deceased; date and attest of physician. Quebec certificates omit place of birth and names of parents but add nationality, religion, and duration of illness. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $9 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . File drawer marked "Births, Deaths, Marriages".

For death records see entry 25; for related certificates see entry 35.

37. (PERMITS FOR BURIAL, ENTOMBMENT, TRANSPORTATION OR REMOVAL), 1905--. 1 bundle. System established 1905.

Original permits showing name of person to whom issued, place issued, date and cause of death, name and age of deceased, name of medical attendant, place and date of burial or proposed removal, name and address of undertaker, certification by undertaker of delivery to sexton or cemetery keeper and certificate of sexton or cemetery keeper as to disposition of body; copies of transportation permits for bodies received from other points for burial in Alburgh showing information similar to above. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $8\text{-}3/4 \times 8\text{-}3/4 \times 5$ . In file drawer marked "Births, Deaths, Marriages".

38. A RECORD OF DEATHS TAKEN FROM CEMETERIES (Gravestone inscriptions), 1790-1869. 1 vol.

A record of inscriptions taken from Gravestones showing name and age of deceased, name of spouse or parents if ascertainable, date of death and occasionally of birth, name of cemetery, attest of recorder, clerk's attest. No arr. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 240 pp.  $11 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ . Cupboard.

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39. DOG LICENSES, 1910--. 28 vols.

Stubs of licenses issued showing license number, name of owner, description and name of dog, fee, date of license, clerk's signature. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $4 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 22 vols., 1910-30, attic; 6 vols., 1931--, cupboard.

40. RECORD OF ANIMAL BOUNTY CERTIFICATES, 1898-1904. 1 vol.

Date of certificate, name of person receiving certificate, number



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and kind of animal, amount of bounty. Chron. entry. No index.  
Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 100 pp. (2 pp. used)  
14 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

41. (LIQUOR LICENSES), 1851, 1854-56, 1858-59. 1851 in vol. for 1842-97 of Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15-iii; 1854-56, 1858-59 in vols. 14, 15 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xxviii.

Name and address of licensee; grant, purpose, conditions and date of license; name of signer-commissioner; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1934-- , see entry 42.

42. (LIQUOR LICENSES), 1934-- . 4 envelopes.

Applications for licenses showing date of last license if any, date and place of birth or citizenship of applicant, length of residence, premises where liquor is to be sold, signatures of applicant and witness, approval and signatures of selectmen and approval stamp of state board of health and liquor control board. Copy of license showing name and residence of licensee, descriptions of premises, date granted and signatures of control commissioners-selectmen. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  
 $7\frac{1}{2}$  x  $10\frac{1}{2}$  - 12 x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ . Filing cabinet.

For prior related records, 1851-59 scattered dates, see entry 41.

43. (VICTUALING HOUSE LICENSES), 1850-51, 1859. 1850-51 in vol. for 1842-97 of Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15-vi; 1859 in vol. 15 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xlvi.

Name and address of licensee; date, conditions, purpose and term of license; declaration of grant; recital of authority; names of signers-selectmen; date recorded; clerk's attest.

44. (TEACHERS' LICENSES), 1846-69. 1846-69 scattered dates, in vols. 13-17 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xlvi; 1846-50, 1855-56 in vol. for 1842-97 of Record of Writs, Attachments (Executions) Etc., entry 15-v.

Name of teacher, date and term of license, statement of qualifications, grant of authority, name(s) of signer(s)-superintendent(s) of schools, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally shows only name of teacher, date and grant of license.

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45. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1873-- . 8 pigeonholes, 5 file drawers, 10 boxes.

Original unbound papers filed in town clerk's office:

- i. Attachments and executions, 1924-- , county, municipal

- and justice court writs showing information as in entry 15.
- ii. Census of livestock annually taken by listers, 1930-- , showing owner's name; number of silos, horses and livestock owned; totals of each for town.
  - iii. Chattel mortgages, 1929, 1935, showing information as in entry 20.
  - iv. Correspondence, 1926--: general and official mail to town clerk.
  - v. Decrees of distribution, 1917-- , by order of probate court re: properties of deceased persons, with date of order, county seal and signature of county judge.
  - vi. Deeds, 1873-- , showing information as in entry 11.
  - vii. Election records, 1912--; certificates with summary of votes of officers, nomination certificates with signature and residence of candidates, petitions for offices with signatures of freemen. For related records see entry 4.
  - viii. Insurance policies, 1907--: fire and liability.
  - ix. Listers' oaths, 1922-- , showing oath, signature of lister, date of oath, attest of justice of peace or official. For related records see entry 8.
  - x. Military records, 1917-18: lists of men aged 21-23 who registered and entered service, summarization report of men drafted in World War.
  - xi. Officers' appointments, 1910-13, showing information as in entry 7.
  - xii. Road mileage certificates, 1907-30, showing information as in entry 70.
  - xiii. Taxes assessed, 1914-28: reports by town clerk to tax commissioner showing year and classification of tax, number of polls, tax rate, flood tax, grand list. For related records see entry 61.
  - xiv. Tax receipts, 1925-- , for money paid to state and county for their portion of the tax as assessed against town.

No arr. No index. Hdw. and typed, some on printed forms. Pigeon-holes, 8 x 4-3/4 x 8; drawers, 11 x 17 x 25; boxes, 8 1/2 x 3 x 3 - 15 x 5 1/2 x 3-3/4.

46. MAP (Philip's Park), 1914. 1 sheet.

Plan of section of Alburgh showing proposed streets, lots and boundaries of proposed park development, names of proprietors and date filed, clerk's attest. 36 x 63. On cupboard.

47. MAP (Lincoln Development), 1919. 1 sheet.

Plan of real estate development showing proposed streets and lots. Platted by George W. Sabre. Blueprint. Surveyed and blueprinted by McIntosh and Crandall, C. E. Burlington, Vt. 1":30'. 30 1/2 x 30. On cupboard.

## II. SELECTMEN

Five selectmen were elected at the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). They were to serve for a term of one year. The number of selectmen elected annually between 1792-1908 varied from three to five. The procedure of electing each selectman to serve for a term of one year was followed until 1909 when the town elected one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Since that time there has been one selectman elected annually for a term of three years. In addition to their general duties the selectmen acted as overseers of the poor for the years 1807-8, 1817-43, 1860-61, and 1870-80. They also acted as a committee to settle and adjust the accounts of the town treasurer in 1807-8. In 1868 the selectmen and the overseer of the poor acted as a committee in charge of the poor farm. In 1870 they were created a board of superintendents to govern the poor farm. For the year 1888 only, they took over the duties of the highway surveyors. The selectmen keep no records of their meetings. For financial reports see entry 5-xii.

### 48. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1932--. 34 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 23 vols., 1932-36, cupboard; 11 vols., 1936-- , residence of W. A. Creller, selectman.

## III. LISTERS

At the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 the town elected five listers for a term of one year (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). From that time until 1909 the procedure of electing the listers annually for a term of one year was followed. The number of listers elected during this period varied from three to five annually. In 1909 the town elected three listers as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Since that time one lister has been elected annually to serve for a three year term.

### 49. TAX INVENTORIES, 1931--. 2 boxes, 13 bundles.

Name and address of taxpayer, itemized list and summary of taxable real and personal property including livestock and furniture offsets, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signature of lister and date of receipt. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Boxes, 1932-34, 1936,  $9\frac{1}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times 9 - 16 \times 12 \times 10$ ; bundles, 1931-35, 1937-- ,  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} - 9 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ . 2 boxes, 1932-34, 1936, cupboard; 4 bundles, 1931-35, attic; 9 bundles, 1937-- , on safe.

50. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISALS OF REAL ESTATE, 1882-- quadrennially. 15 vols. Title varies: Quadrennial Valuation of Real Estate, 1882-1910, 8 vols.

Name of owner, description of property, appraised valuation, remarks if any, whether property is located in village or town. Entered alph. under first letter of owner's surname. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 52-84 pp.  $16 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $11 \times 17 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 5 vols., 1882-98, attic; 7 vols., 1902-26, on cupboard; 3 vols., 1930--, cupboard.

51. ABSTRACT OF THE INDIVIDUAL LIST AND GRAND LIST, 1849--. 68 vols. Missing 1850-51, 1853-54, 1861-64, 1866-69, 1875-78, 1883-85, 1888, 1896, 1898. Title varies: Grand List, 1849-1910, 39 vols.

Abstracts of the individual lists and grand lists showing name and address of owner, description of property, real and personal valuations, offsets, exemptions, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value). For prior related records, 1793-1806, see entry 11-xxi.

Also contains:

- i. Ratable Polls, 1849, 1852, 1855-60, 1865, 1870-74, 1879-82, 1886-87, 1889-95, 1897, 1900--, entry 52.

Entered alph. under first letter of owner's surname. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Vols. for 1849-89, condition fair. 45-66 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $10\text{-}3/4 \times 16\text{-}3/4 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 33 vols., 1849-1903, attic; 35 vols., 1904--, cupboard.

52. RATABLE POLLS, 1932--. 6 vols. 1849, 1852, 1855-60, 1865, 1870-74, 1879-82, 1886-87, 1889-95, 1897, 1900-- in Abstract of the Individual List and Grand List, entry 51-i.

List of persons eligible for taxation showing name of taxpayer, polls for town tax, whether or not exempt, address if in village. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 20 pp,  $17 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

#### IV. TREASURER

A town treasurer was elected at the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). At each annual meeting since that time a town treasurer has been elected to serve for a term of one year. For reports see entry 5-xv.

53. JOURNAL (Receipts and Disbursements), 1899-1909, 1921-22, 1929, 1931-32, 1934. 1 vol.

Receipts and disbursements of general account, 1899-1909, showing date of entry, itemized receipts and disbursements, balance, annual certification by auditors. For subsequent related records, 1910--, see entry 56.

Treasurer

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Also contains:

- i. Journal (Receipts from Taxes), 1921-22, 1929, 1931-32, 1934, entry 57.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ .

54. JOURNAL (Receipts and Disbursements), 1899-1909, 1924-28, 1930, 1933. 1 vol.

Receipts and disbursements of highway account, 1899-1909, showing date of entry, itemized receipts and disbursements, balances, annual certification by auditors. For subsequent related records, 1910-- , see entry 56.

Also contains:

- i. Journal (Receipts from Taxes), 1924-28, 1930, 1933, entry 57.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ .

55. JOURNAL (Receipts and Disbursements), 1899-1920, 1923. 1 vol.

Receipts and disbursements of school fund, 1899-1909, showing date of entry, itemized receipts and disbursements, balances, annual certification by auditors. For subsequent related records, 1910-- , see entry 56.

Also contains:

- i. Receipts of taxes from collector, 1899-1909, showing amount of delinquent taxes received, date received, total amount, annual certification by auditors.
- ii. Journal (Receipts from Taxes), 1910-20, 1923, entry 57.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ .

56. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK (Receipts and Disbursements), 1910-- . 5 vols. System established 1910. Title varies: Treasurer's Accounts, 1910-21, 1 vol.

Itemized receipts and disbursements under departmental headings: receipts show town tax, highway tax, school tax, bank loans, dog licenses, sundries, special accounts; disbursements show general, school, highway, poor and sundry accounts. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 450 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ . On safe.

For prior related records, 1899-1909, see entries 53-55.

57. JOURNAL (Receipts from Taxes), 1935-- . 1 vol. 1910-20, 1923 in Journal (Receipts and Disbursements), entry 55-ii; 1921-22, 1929, 1931-32, 1934 in Journal (Receipts and Disbursements), entry 53-i; 1924-28, 1930, 1933 in Journal (Receipts and Disbursements), entry 54-i.

Record of taxes received by treasurer showing name of taxpayer, date and amount paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 400 pp.  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

58. JOURNAL (Check Book Accounts), 1930-- . 2 vols.

Record of checks issued showing date, number, name of payee, and amount of check. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 152-500 pp.  $9-3/4 \times 7-3/4 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $12 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

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(59-62)

Trustees of  
Public Money

59. (CANCELED CHECKS, PAID ORDERS AND BILLS), 1910--. 31 bundles, 1 box.

Contains:

- i. Canceled checks showing number, date, name of payee and amount of check, signature of treasurer, indorsement, bank cancellation.
- ii. Paid bills showing date of bill, name of creditor, itemized or summarized description of goods or services, receipt of payment.
- iii. Paid orders showing number, date, name of payee, purpose and amount of order, signature(s) of issuing officer(s).

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. Bundles, 1910-35, 1937--, aver. 11 x 4 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; box, 1936, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 3-3/4. 19 bundles, 1910-28, attic; 6 bundles, 1929-34, cupboard; 6 bundles, 1935, 1937--, safe; 1 box, 1936, cupboard.

60. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1920--. 12 vols.

Number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of check; name of bank; balance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

61. TAXES, 1910--. 30 vols.

Record of taxes assessed showing name of taxpayer, the amount of taxes levied for: support of highways, schools, special departments and for general town purposes. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 125 pp. 7 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cupboard.

For related records see entry 45-xiii.

62. (POLL AND PROPERTY TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1910--. 246 vols.

Name of taxpayer; itemized list of taxes; county, state and poll tax; discount; total tax; date paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 4 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 198 vols., 1910-32, attic; 48 vols., 1933--, cupboard.

## V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

At a special town meeting held December 31, 1836 three trustees of public money were elected (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 11, p. 291; see entry 11). Three trustees were elected annually until 1871 with the exception of the year 1865 when no mention was made of the election of this officer. Since 1871 one trustee has been elected annually. This office keeps no records.

## VI. AUDITORS

At the annual meeting held in 1806, a committee, consisting of three members to settle and adjust the accounts of the treasurer, was elected for a term of one year (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 3, p. 312; see entry 11). Two committees were elected in the years 1808-16, 1819-30, and 1830; one each to settle and adjust the accounts of the treasurer and the overseer of poor. For the years 1817-18, 1821-23, 1831-40, one committee was elected to audit the accounts of the treasurer and the overseer of poor, and after 1836 of the selectmen. Three auditors were elected annually from 1841-1916. In 1917 three auditors were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Since that time one auditor has been elected annually for a three year term. This office keeps no records. The auditors' reports are required by law to be filed with the town clerk, see entry 5. For reports by town clerk see entry 11-vi.

## VII. TAX COLLECTOR

The first tax collector was elected at the second annual meeting held March 4, 1793 to serve for a term of one year (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 30; see entry 11). A collector has been elected for the following years: 1795, 1797-98, 1800-1801, 1803, 1805-17, 1819-20, 1822-23, 1900-1903, 1917, 1923-26, 1928 to date. When no tax collector was elected the first constable took over his duties.

### 63. DELINQUENT TAXES, 1928---. 6 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes showing name of taxpayer, grand list (1% of tax valuation), real and personal property tax, poll tax, collector's fees, total tax, old age assistance tax, county tax, amount due treasurer, interest, cost of collection, amount due collector, date paid or notation of abatement. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 pp. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 x 3/4. Residence of S. Honsinger, tax collector, East Alburgh.

### 64. (DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1930---. 7 vols.

Name of taxpayer; general, highway, school and special taxes; treasurer's fee; collector's fee; discount; county tax; flood tax; total tax; date paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 stubs 4 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of S. Honsinger, tax collector, East Alburgh.

ALBURGH  
(65)

Board for Abatement of Taxes;  
Board of Civil Authority;  
School Directors

### VIII. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was created by an act of the legislature in 1860 (Laws, 1860, No. 23). In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board. During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority. Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes. For record of abatements as made by the tax collector see entry 63.

### IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839 (Laws, 1839, sec. 51, pp. 110-119). In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member. Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. For check lists as revised by this board see entry 6.

### X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Three school directors were elected for the first time March 7, 1893 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 21, p. 317; see entry 11). They were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. From 1894 to date, one director has been elected annually for a term of three years. Prior to 1893 the duties now performed by the school directors were performed by school trustees and superintendents of schools. Three school trustees were elected for each of the years 1825-27, 1829 and 1833. The number of superintendents and the years for which they were elected to serve for a term of one year are as follows: 1846-55, one; 1856, three; 1857-88, 1891-92, one. In 1889-90 the selectmen appointed a school commissioner to replace the school superintendent. No record could be found of the election or appointment of superintendents or trustees for the years 1828, 1830-32, 1834-45. For financial reports see entry 5-xi.

### 65. RECORD OF MEETINGS, 1936---. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of school board showing date of meeting, reading of minutes of prior meeting, record of action taken on school affairs, reports of superintendent of schools and truant officers, record of orders drawn, minutes of the first meeting of each new board show the organization of same with the election of chairman and clerk, date recorded, clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index.



Hdw. 100 pp.  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Residence of Mrs. M. T. Flynn, school director, Alburgh Village.

66. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1917--. 299 vols.

Certification of report by teacher; list of teachers with description of certificates; attendance data; visitors' register; annual school statistics by teacher; detailed daily attendance record; record of registration of pupils; list of transfers, reentries and withdrawals; list of non-resident pupils; record of transportation and board. Attendance records arr. alph. by name of pupil; no arr. for other material. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp.  $11\text{-}\frac{3}{4} \times 9 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ . Attic, residence of F. B. Cargill, superintendent of schools.

67. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1918--. 1 bundle.

Report of superintendent of schools to state department of education showing attendance by schools; questionnaire of information showing student progress, promotion records, health services, school tax, valuations and assessments, receipts and expenditures, list of students whose tuition outside town is paid by town, signatures of school directors and superintendent. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $11 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ . Filing cabinet.

For related records see entry 5-xiii.

68. TOWN OF ALBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS ACCOUNT BOOK, 1919--.

1 vol.

Record of orders drawn by school director showing date, name of payee and number of order; total teachers' wages; school directors' services and expenses; repairs; furniture; water; fuel and lights; janitor's service; transportation and board; tuitions to other towns for advance instructions; supplies and appliances; text books; new buildings; sundries; insurance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 240 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 2$ . Residence of Mrs. M. T. Flynn, school director, Alburgh Village.

69. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1934--. 16 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 14 vols., 1934-37, town clerk's office; 2 vols., 1938--, residence of Mrs. M. T. Flynn, school director, Alburgh Village.

## XI. ROAD COMMISSIONER

One road commissioner was elected at the annual meeting held March 7, 1893 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 21, p. 317; see entry 11). From 1792-1887 and in 1891-92 the town was divided into highway districts, varying in number from 9 to 20, and a surveyor was elected for each district. From 1888-90 the selectmen took over these duties. Since 1893 one road commissioner has been elected annually with the exception of 1914 when two were elected. For financial reports see entry 5-x.

ALBURN  
(70-72)

Overseer of Poor;  
Library Trustees

70. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1893-- scattered dates. In vols. 21, 23, 25-30 of Land (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 11-xli.

Statement of examination of roads by selectmen; number of miles of traveled highways, not including pont roads, as of previous year; number of miles of new or discontinued roads if any; total mileage; date of certification; attest of selectmen; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For original certificates, 1907-30, see entry 45-xii.

71. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1937--. 4 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of D. Brow, road commissioner.

## XII. OVERSEER OF POOR

The first overseers of the poor were elected in 1809 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 149; see entry 11). The number elected and the years for which they were elected for a term of one year are as follows: 1809-15, three; 1816, two; 1844-59, 1862-77, 1881-1906, 1908 to date, one. In 1807-8 and in the years when no overseer of the poor was elected the selectmen acted as overseers. In 1837, in addition to his regular duties, the overseer acted as superintendent of the poor farm. In 1868 the overseer served on a committee with the selectmen to supervise the poor farm. For financial reports see entry 5-ix.

72. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1935--. 4 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 stubs  $3\frac{3}{4} \times 11 \times \frac{3}{8}$ . Residence of Mr. J. H. McNeil, overseer of poor.

## XIII. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected at the annual meeting held March 3, 1896; one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of five years (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 21, p. 508; see entry 11). There was one library trustee elected annually in the years 1897-1908 to serve for a term of five years. In 1910 one trustee was elected for five years and two were elected to replace trustees who had resigned. For the years 1909 and 1911-14 no mention was made in

Moderator; Constable;  
Town Agent

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the records of the election of any trustee. From 1915-22 one trustee was elected annually for a term of five years. In 1923-24 no mention of the election or appointment of a trustee was made in the records of the annual town meetings. At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1925 it was voted to move the town library to the Alburgh Village Library (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 26, p. 489; see entry 11). Since 1925 the village trustees have been the only officers elected to this office (see p. 58). For reports see entry 5-vi.

#### XIV. MODERATOR

A moderator has been elected at each annual town meeting since June 8, 1792, except for 1793 when no mention was made of such an election. The first moderator was elected at the first annual meeting in 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). This office keeps no records.

#### XV. CONSTABLE

At the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792, the town elected two constables (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 11). There were two constables elected annually from 1792 to 1908 inclusive, with the exception of the years 1814 and 1858-60 when only one was elected. When no tax collector was elected the first constable took over his duties. Beginning in 1797, a distinction was made between the first and second constable. Since 1909 there has been only one constable elected annually. This office keeps no records.

#### XVI. TOWN AGENT

Three town agents were elected at a special meeting held April 16, 1817 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 6, p. 397; see entry 11). From 1817-39 none were elected. Since 1839 there has been one agent elected each year with the exception of the years 1840, 1843 and 1891 when no mention was made of such an election. This office keeps no records.

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Grand Juror; Board of Health;  
Fence Viewers; Poundkeepers

## XVII. GRAND JUROR

Two grand jurors were elected at the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 10; see entry 11). Since that time, with the exception of the year 1853, one to five grand jurors have been elected annually. This office keeps no records.

## XVIII. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint a health officer in each town (Laws, 1892, No. 82). The health officer with the selectmen of the town act as a board of health. For health officer's reports see entry 5-v.

## XIX. FENCE VIEWERS

Three fence viewers were elected at the annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 10; see entry 11). From 1792-1906 and in 1932 and 1935, fence viewers were elected annually. The number elected varied from three to six. Since 1907 exclusive of 1932 and 1935 these officers were appointed by the selectmen. This office keeps no records. For fence viewers' decisions as recorded by the town clerk see entry 11-xvii.

## XX. POUNDKEEPERS

At the first annual meeting held on June 8, 1792, the voters of the town elected one poundkeeper for a term of one year (Land, Town and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 10; see entry 11). Poundkeepers, the number varying from one to five, were elected annually for the years 1792-1820, 1822, 1824, 1853-59, 1861-83. There is no mention of the election of these officers for the years 1821, 1823, 1825-52 and 1860. Beginning in 1864 and continuing to date each freeholder in the town has been a poundkeeper and each freeholder's yard a pound. This office keeps no records.

Scaler of Weights and  
Measures; Inspector of  
Leather; Inspector of Lumber,  
Shingles and Wood; Tythingmen

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## XXI. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

One scaler of weights and measures was elected at an annual meeting held on March 10, 1794 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 38; see entry 11). From one to three officers were elected annually from 1794 to 1892, except for the years 1797-98, 1803, 1818-19, 1825-34, 1839, 1866-67, 1878-79, 1883-91 when no mention was made of the election of these officers. This office went out of existence in 1892. The offices of scaler of weights and measures and leather scaler were combined in 1823-24, 1830-38, 1840-41. This office kept no records.

## XXII. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

Leather sealers were elected at the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 10; see entry 11). From one to three officers were elected annually from 1792-1908, except for the years 1798, 1803, 1818-20, 1825-29, 1857, 1860-61, 1867, and 1891 when no mention was made of the election of these officers. This office went out of existence in 1908. In 1842 the name was changed from leather scaler to inspector of leather. In 1823-24, 1830-38, 1840-41 the office of leather scaler and that of scaler of weights and measures were combined. This office kept no records.

## XXIII. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD

One inspector of lumber, shingles and wood was elected at an annual town meeting held March 4, 1873 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 17, p. 423; see entry 11). One inspector was elected annually for the years 1873-74, 1882-90, 1892-1906. No record could be found of the election or appointment of this officer since 1906. This office kept no records.

## XXIV. TYTHINGMEN

Two tythingmen were elected at the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 11; see entry 11). One to four such officers were elected annually from 1792-1840, except in the years 1798, 1803, 1818-19, 1822, 1825-26, 1829-30, and 1837 when no mention was made of the

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Haywards; Tree  
Warden; Fire Warden

election of these officers. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1840.

#### XXV. HAYWARDS

At the first annual meeting held June 8, 1792 seven haywards were elected (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 11; see entry 11). One to twenty such officers were elected annually from 1792-1868 except for the years 1796, 1819, 1821, 1837, 1846, 1855, 1859, 1862-67 when no mention was made of the election of these officers. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1869.

#### XXVI. TREE WARDEN

At the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909 one tree warden was elected (Land, Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 24, p. 489; see entry 11). One officer was elected in 1910 and 1913 but for the years 1911-12, 1914 to date one officer has been appointed annually by the selectmen. This office keeps no records.

#### XXVII. FIRE WARDEN

The office of fire warden was established by an act of the legislature in 1904 (Laws, 1904, No. 16). At present this officer is appointed by the selectmen with the approval of the commissioner of forestry, to serve for a four year term.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### VILLAGE OF ALBURG

The village of Alburg is situated within the limits of the town of Alburgh at the intersection of Vermont Highway #104 and New York Highway #2. The site is the junction of the Central Vermont and Rutland Railroads.

Upon a petition dated March 4, 1915 and signed by a majority of the voters in town meeting, the selectmen of the town established the bounds of the proposed village. In accordance with the provisions of the general laws its limits were designated and recorded in the office of the town clerk January 19, 1916.

The residents of the proposed village held a meeting February 7, 1916, which the town clerk called to order. At this meeting village officers were elected and by-laws adopted. The village operated under these officers and by authority of these by-laws until the annual meeting of 1917 when the voters approved the act incorporating the village of Alburg which had passed the state legislature March 22, 1917.<sup>1</sup>

This act of incorporation is the charter of the village of Alburg. It is interesting to note that the village charter spells the name "Alburg" without the (h), but the original town charter and all official town documents spell the name "Alburgh" with the (h).<sup>2</sup> The charter gives the usual rights and privileges which are accorded to incorporated villages in the state of Vermont.

The village holds its annual meeting on the first Tuesday in May of each year. Special meetings may be called whenever five legal voters shall so request in writing. To vote in the village of Alburg one must be a legal voter in the town of Alburgh and have lived for one year within the limits of the village.

At the annual meeting the voters elect the village officers as provided by the charter. These officers who serve for one year, are a president of the village, five trustees, a clerk, treasurer, collector, and three auditors. The president presides at village meetings and is ex officio a member of the board of trustees. The board of trustees is responsible for the management of the affairs of the village. The other village officers have the powers and duties generally incident to the respective offices which they hold.

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1917, p. 335.

2. ibid., Vermont State Papers, Book of Charters, p. 4.

The charter gives the village the usual wide rights to establish, alter, and repeal by-laws.

Following the Act which incorporated the village the legislature passed a further enactment which gave the village the right to acquire and maintain a sewerage disposal system. This act gave the village the right to acquire land for this purpose by eminent domain.<sup>3</sup>

In 1921 the legislature gave further power to the village in regard to the construction of a sewer.<sup>4</sup> The report of the District Health Officer for 1920 had stated that, "The sewer problem in Alburgh Village should be solved as soon as possible for the best interest of the community". The annual town report for 1922 stated that, "The very level land---, and the very slight elevation above the lake level, makes the solution of the sewer problem extremely difficult".<sup>5</sup> The sanitary engineers of the State Board of Health were consulted and a plan of work agreed upon.

Sidewalks are maintained by the village, and the town to relieve itself of any responsibility for this service pays the village 10% of its grand list.<sup>6</sup> The town is not liable for maintenance of highways within the village limits and is absolved from liability in case of damage due to faulty highway construction.

Although not village officers, five library trustees are elected at the annual village meeting and the village makes contributions to the support of the library. The town treasury also makes a financial contribution to the village library.<sup>7</sup>

In 1927 an act was passed which provided for the issuing of bonds for a street lighting system.<sup>8</sup> The village is given the right to maintain pole lines and apparatus necessary for the transmission and distribution of electric current. Current is purchased from the Newport Electric Corporation and the cost of street lights for the thirteen months ending May 1, 1937 amounted to \$539.50.

The railroads furnish occupations for most of the people in Alburg Village. There is, however, a small, and somewhat unusual industry. The swamps along the lake shore are infested with frogs.

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3. Laws of Vermont, 1917, p. 340.

4. Laws of Vermont, 1921, p. 264.

5. Annual Report of the Town Officers of Alburgh Vermont for the Year Ending January 31, 1922, p. 46.

6. Annual Report of the Town Officers of Alburgh Vermont for the Year Ending January 31, 1923, p. 30.

7. Annual Reports of the Town of Alburgh.

8. Laws of Vermont, 1927, p. 146.



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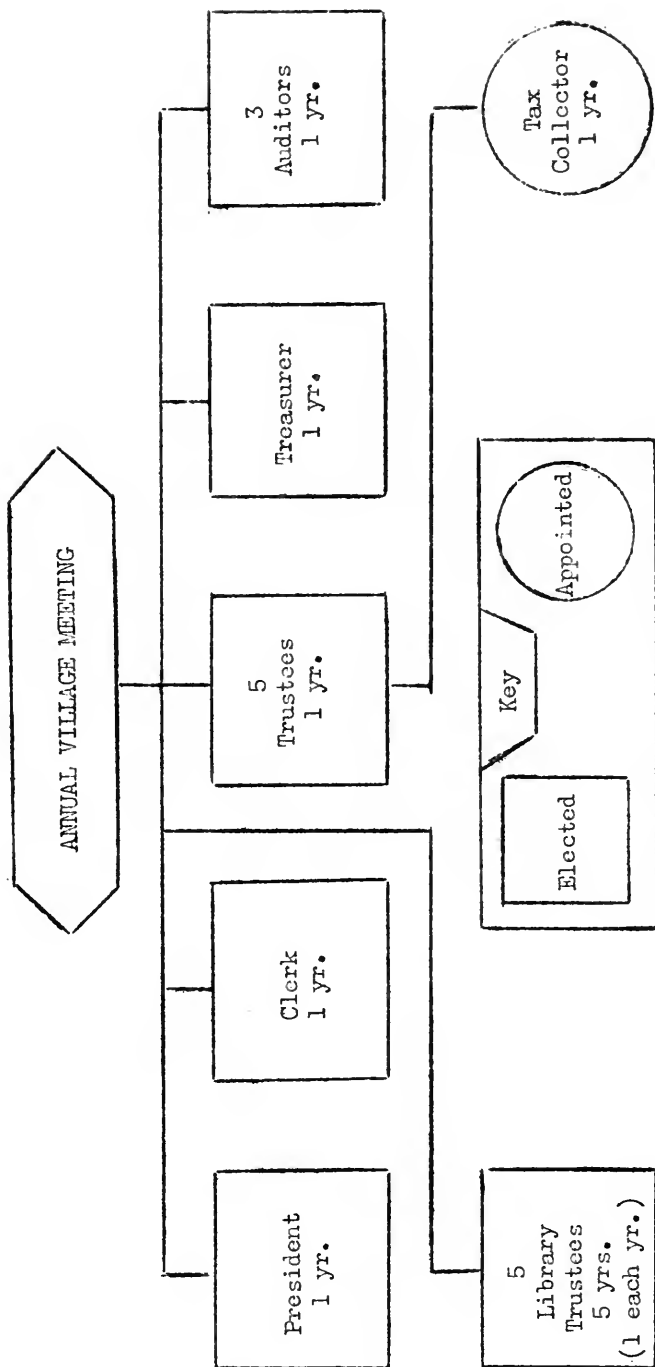
The frogs are captured in the warm season, stored in traps and submerged during the winter to keep them alive. These frogs are shipped to scientific laboratories which furnish a good market.

As a basis of taxation the village uses the grand list as made out by the listers of the town of Alburgh. The grand list in 1934 amounted to \$1869.65 and the tax rate was \$.65. In 1938 the village bonded debt amounted to \$12,000. The debt is being reduced in the amount of \$1,000 annually.<sup>9</sup>

June 2, 1906 the Conductors Relief Association Water Company was formed to provide water to the town of Alburgh.<sup>10</sup> This association continued to provide this service until February 27, 1926 when it sold its system to Alburg Village.<sup>11</sup> The water is taken from Lake Champlain and the village pays the Rutland Railroad for chlorination.

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9. Ms. report of income and expenses of Alburg Village for year ending May 1, 1937 furnished by treasurer. Vermont Year Book 1935, Chester, Vt., p. 126.
10. Land, Town Meeting, and Miscellaneous Records vol. 23, p. 515.
11. ibid., vol. 27, pp. 557-8.

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## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The records of Alburgh Village, unless otherwise specified in the inventory, are kept in a vault located on the second floor of the Alburgh railroad station. This vault together with the office of the village clerk, is owned by the Central Vermont Railroad Company and rented by the village. The present village clerk, Mrs. Eugenie C. Martin, is also village treasurer.

The office provides ample space and office equipment to accommodate several workers at one time. It is steamheated and has adequate electric lights. The vault is large enough to hold all records which may accumulate during the next few years, but in case of a serious fire it is questionable whether or not the records would be damaged.

The records are available for inspection on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at other times upon arrangement with the village clerk.

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President; Village  
Clerk; Trustees

## I. PRESIDENT

A village president was elected at a village meeting held February 7, 1916 (Village Meeting Records, p. 7; see entry 73). Since that time a president has been elected annually. The president is an ex officio member of the board trustees and is president of the board. This office keep no records.

## II. VILLAGE CLERK

A village clerk was elected at the first annual meeting of the village held February 7, 1916 (Village Meeting Records, p. 7; see entry 73). Since that time a clerk has been elected annually.

### 73. (VILLAGE MEETING) RECORD(s), 1915--. 1 vol.

Record of warnings and minutes of village meetings, 1916--: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, date of issuance of warning, name of signer-warning official; minutes show place and date meeting held, election and reports of officers, action taken on articles of warning and other village affairs.

Also contains:

- i. Copy of petition for incorporation of village and requesting selectmen of town of Alburgh to establish boundary lines, 1915.
  - ii. Copy of surveyor's description and selectmen's approval of boundary lines, 1915. For related records see entry 11-ii.
  - iii. Copy of village by-laws.
  - iv. Record (Trustee's Meetings), 1916-21, 1924, entry 74.
- Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8-3/4 x 1.

## III. TRUSTEES

Five trustees were elected at the first village meeting held February 7, 1916 (Village Meeting Records, p. 7; see entry 73). Since 1916 five have been elected annually except in 1918 when four were elected, but these four at their first meeting appointed one to fill the vacancy. In 1929 five trustees were elected but the record of their election was omitted from the minutes of the meeting for that year. The five trustees together with the village president, a member ex officio, constitute the board of trustees, with the village president as president of the board. In 1916 the trustees acted as auditors to audit the accounts of

Treasurer

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the other village officers. The board of trustees also act as a board of civil authority in adding names of eligible voters to the check lists.

74. RECORD (Trustees' Meetings), 1932--. 1 vol. 1916-21, 1924 in (Village Meeting) Record(s) entry 73-iv. Minutes of trustees' meetings showing place and date of meeting; names of trustees present; election of chairman; appointments of officers; ordinances passed; licenses granted; action taken regarding sidewalks, lighting, sewer and water affairs; signature of clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 10 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### IV. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the first annual meeting hold February 7, 1916 (Village Meeting Records, p. 7; see entry 73). Since that time a treasurer has been elected annually.

75. ALBURGH VILLAGE JOURNAL, 1926--. 2 vols. (1; one unnumbered). Title varies: Alburgh Village Treasurers' Accounts, 1926-34, 1 vol. Receipts and disbursements by village treasurer: receipts show date of entry; total received; amount of tax or assessments for sewer, sidewalk and other purposes; and disbursements show date of entry; order number; total amount paid for general, sewer, water, lights or other accounts. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1926-34, condition fair. 194-250 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

76. DUPLICATE (bank) DEPOSIT SLIPS, 1932--. 10 vols. Date of deposit; name of bank; list of cash, money orders and checks; total deposited. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 pp. 6 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

77. (PAID ORDERS OF TRUSTEES), 1928--. 7 bundles. Date, amount, name of payee, number and purpose of order; signatures of three trustees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 8 x 3 x 4.

78. RECEIPTS, 1925--. 6 bundles. Receipted bills for purchases by and services rendered to village. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 10 x 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cabinet.

For related records see entry 88-ii.

79. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1928--. 1 bundle, 95 envelopes. Date, name of payee, name of bank and amount of check; signature of treasurer; indorsements and bank cancelation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Bundle, 1929-30, 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2; envelopes, 1928--, aver. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 x 1/16. Cabinet.

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80. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1930--. 2 vols.

Date, name of payee, purpose and amount of check; name of bank; balance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1930-35, condition fair. Aver. 500 stubs  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times 1$ .

81. TAX BOOK, 1916--. 26 vols.

Real estate and poll taxes showing name of taxpayer; amount of grand list (1% of assessed value); taxes assessed for sewer, light, sidewalk, library, and miscellaneous purposes; amount of poll taxes with notation of payment. Entered alph. under surname of taxpayer within each year. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 20-35 pp.  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  -  $6\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

82. (DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS), 1935--. 8 vols. System established 1935.

Date of receipt, name of taxpayer, amount of tax received, year, signature of treasurer. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 pp.  $6 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

83. WATER LEDGER, 1930--. 1 vol., 1 bundle.

Ledger accounts with water consumers, showing name of consumer, service number, date and amount of meter reading, cubic feet and gallons consumed, excess over limit, water rent, total account, date paid, remarks. Arr. alph. by name of consumer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1930--, 250 pp.  $9 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ ; bundle, 1930--,  $9 \times 12 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ .

84. (WATER BILL STUBS), 1933--. 13 bundles. System estab. 1933.

Name of payer, date and amount of bill, date of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 1$ .

85. (SEWER RENTALS), 1928--. 2 bundles, 1 file box.

Name of payer, amount of rentals, amount and date of payment. Arr. alph. by surname of owner. No index. Hdw. or typed. Bundles, 1928-32,  $4 \times 6 \times 2$ ; file box, 1932--,  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ . 2 bundles, 1928-32, file drawer in office; file box, 1932--, vault.

86. (DUPLICATE SEWER RENTAL RECEIPTS), 1933--. 1 vol. System estab. 1933.

Amount paid, date of receipt, name of payer, description of payment, signature of treasurer. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 pp.  $6 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

87. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1917--. 2 file boxes.

Miscellaneous correspondence and contracts of the village concerning the water and light systems including leases of land, petitions for extension of service, insurance policies, canceled bonds, certificates of capital stock of Conductor's Relief Association Water Company of Rutland, Vt. and blueprint of Rutland Railroad right of way in Alburgh Village. No arr. No index. Hdw. and typed, some on printed forms.  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ .

88. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1932---. 1 file drawer.

Contains:

- i. General correspondence concerning village affairs.
- ii. Receipted bills for services and materials purchased by village. For related records see entry 78.

Arr. chron. under name of correspondent. No index. Hdw. 11 x 17 x 27. File cabinet.

## V. TAX COLLECTOR

A tax collector was elected at the first village meeting held February 7, 1916 (Village Meeting Records, p. 7; see entry 73). The village has had a collector, either elected at the annual meeting or appointed by the board of trustees, since that time with the exception of 1931 when there was none. The years in which one was elected are 1916, 1917, and 1920-34. In the years 1918, 1919, and 1935 to date one has been appointed by the board of trustees. His term of office is for one year from date of election or appointment.

89. (DELINQUENT TAXES), 1933---. 1 vol.

Record of delinquent village and water taxes: village taxes show grand list (1% of tax valuation), name of taxpayer, amount and year of tax payments; water taxes show consumer, period and amount of tax, payments. Entered alph. by surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 9 x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of D. J. Jervais, tax collector.

90. (TAX RECEIPTS), 1936---. 2 vols.

Copies of receipts for water taxes showing date paid, name of taxpayer, amount paid, period of tax, signature of collector. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 pp. 3 x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of D. J. Jervais, tax collector.

91. (TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1934---. 3 vols.

Date paid, name of taxpayer, amount of tax, amount paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 stubs 3 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Residence of D. J. Jervais, tax collector.

## VI. AUDITORS

Three auditors were elected at the annual meeting held May 6, 1918 (Village Meeting Records, p. 29; see entry 73). Since that time three auditors have been elected annually except in the year 1916 when the trustees acted as auditors and in the year 1936 when the board of trustees appointed three. In 1931, three were elected but the record of their election was omitted from the minutes of

the annual meeting. The term of office of each auditor is for one year from the date of their election. This office keeps no records.

## VII. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected at the annual village meeting held April 24, 1917; one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of five years (Village Meeting Records, pp. 27-28; see entry 73). Since 1918 one trustee has been elected annually for a term of five years. This office keeps no records.



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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

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(For the early history see Two Heroes Historical Sketch)

The town of Two Heroes was divided October 27, 1793 into the towns of North Hero and South Hero.<sup>1</sup> On November 7, 1798 the present town of Grand Isle under the name of Middle Hero was set off from South Hero.<sup>2</sup> The new town retained the name of Middle Hero until November 5, 1810 when it was changed to Grand Isle.<sup>3</sup>

To form the town of Middle Hero the island of South Hero was divided approximately into two equal parts and Middle Hero, now Grand Isle, is the northern half of the island.

Two Sisters Island and Savage Island were annexed to Middle Hero on November 6, 1800. Savage Island by act of legislature November 1, 1832 was annexed to South Hero but was reannexed to Grand Isle by a legislative act in 1834.<sup>4</sup> and 5

The first town meeting of Middle Hero was warned by Reuben Clapp, justice of the peace, and was held at the dwelling of Isaac Atkins March 1, 1799.<sup>6</sup> James Brown was elected town clerk and treasurer. Three commissioners were appointed to settle the claims of South Hero. It was subsequently voted to levy a tax of one percent on the Grand list for support of the poor and other incidental expenses.<sup>7</sup>

In 1801 the town purchased a lot of two acres from Isaac Atkins for a burial ground and at an early date the Society of Friends opened a burial ground which in 1803 the town voted to fence at public expense. In 1812 another plot of land containing half an acre was bought by the town for burial purposes.<sup>8</sup>

In the early days the moral reputation of the town was the responsibility of the selectmen. In 1804 four families were warned by the selectmen to "depart the town" on account of their immoral reputation. Fines ranging from twenty-five cents to one dollar were levied against various persons for swearing, breach of peace, et cetera.

1. Laws of Vermont, 1793, p. 7.

2. Laws of Vermont, 1798, pp. 42-44.

3. Laws of Vermont, 1810, p. 139.

4. State Papers of Vermont, vol. 2, p. 350.

5. Laws of Vermont, 1832, 1834.

6. Town Meetings and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1.

7. Child's Franklin and Grand Isle County Directory, Hamilton Child, Syracuse, N. Y., 1865, p. 222.

8. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Abby Maria Hemenway, Burlington Vt., 1871, vol. 2, p. 524.

Prior to 1810 South Hero and Middle Hero were represented jointly in the legislature but an act granting a representative to each was passed October 26, 1809.<sup>9</sup> At the first election thirty-one votes were cast and Rev. Asa Lyon was elected representative.<sup>10</sup>

The Congregational Society was organized in 1795 in conjunction with that of South Hero and was called "The Congregational Church of South Hero". The original membership consisted of seven persons and Asa Lyon was the first minister. A frame meeting house was completed in 1834 which the Congregationalists shared with the Methodists. In 1853 the Congregational Society built a brick church edifice and the name was changed to "The Congregational Church of South Hero and Grand Isle".<sup>11</sup>

William Anson, the first Methodist minister, held his first meeting at the house of David Peters, July 5, 1792. At that time the circuit included all of what is now Grand Isle County and two churches in Canada near Albany. Until 1833 the meetings were held in dwelling houses, barns, groves and other convenient places. In April 1832 land was leased from Dr. Melvin Barnes and a frame meeting house was erected.<sup>12</sup> This was shared with the Congregational Society and was also used for town meetings.<sup>13</sup>

At various times Universalist ministers have preached to the townspeople of that denomination, but a permanent society has not been organized.

In early times the Quakers were very numerous in Grand Isle. Jonathan Griffith, who settled here about 1784 was a Quaker. Two others of this religious group came in 1786. The Quaker Society was connected with that of the town of Peru, New York. The first meeting in Grand Isle which took place in a log house built for that purpose near the dwelling of Mosher Hoag, was held January 20, 1801. This was probably the first church building in town. The friends used this building for church and school purposes until 1827 when they built a substantial brick meeting house.<sup>14</sup>

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9. Laws of Vermont, 1800, ch. 13, p. 11.
  10. Denings's Vermont Officers and Gazetteer, St. Albans, Vt., 1818.
  11. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, p. 534.
  12. Land Records, vol. 3, p. 183.
  13. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, p. 535.
  14. Ibid, p. 536.

In February of the year 1810 the townspeople under the direction of Asa Lyon, the Congregational minister, formed their first library association. This association continued until it was dispersed by mutual consent about 1840.

The Grand Isle Library Club was organized in 1868 and was supported by dues from its members.

The town again took up the matter of a library in its regular meeting in 1882, but apparently nothing was done. However in 1911 five library trustees were in town meeting elected and the matter of supplying the townspeople with books was put on a permanent basis. Today Grand Isle is a member of an Inter-Library Loan Association, made up of all the Grand Isle County towns. By loaning to each other at different times, all the books in the county are available to each town.

About 1793 school was held in Elijah Hyde's barn on the northeast shore and in 1797 the first frame school building was erected.<sup>15</sup> At this time the Quakers held their own school at the homes of their members. At the March meeting in 1800 the town was first divided into school districts. There is no high school in Grand Isle and the students generally go to Burlington. In 1842 and for a few years thereafter there was a high school but it was abandoned because of the small number of students.<sup>16</sup>

The citizens voted in 1813 and again in 1826 to raise money for a town house, however, enough money was not raised. From 1817 to 1835 town meetings were held in the district #4 schoolhouse and since 1835 in the Congregational Church built in 1834. The town purchased this building in 1865, the first floor being now used as a town house and the second floor as a school for the seventh and eighth grades.

During its early history Grand Isle was lax in the matter of road building as most of the people lived on the shore and traveled by boat. In the middle of the island there was a beaver swamp around which the road must be built.

In 1811 the County Court imposed a fine on Grand Isle for negligence in road building. In 1850 the Sand Bar Bridge was completed from South Hero to Milton and a new road to the New York ferry landing was made to accommodate the increased traffic. A special town meeting was called in 1880 and the town was bonded to the amount of three thousand dollars, to aid in constructing a bridge between Grand Isle and North Hero.<sup>17</sup>

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15. Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 4.

16. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, pp. 521-524.

17. Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, pp. 208-10.

Three light houses are maintained for the convenience of navigation under the authority of the United States Lighthouse Service. One is at Cumberland Head which has been a ferry landing since about 1800, and the other two stand at the east and west entrances of the channel which separates North Hero from Grand Isle.<sup>18</sup>

The first Rural Free Delivery mail service in Vermont was started in this town in 1896.

During the early history of the town lumbering was the most important industry. There was an abundance of both hard and soft wood which was sold in large quantities in Montreal and Quebec. Large log rafts were made and floated down the Richelieu to the St. Lawrence.

There were a few ship builders on Grand Isle. John Fulson before 1790 was making sloops at Fulson harbor. About 1794 Captain Daniel Wilcox came up from New London, Connecticut and settled at Wilcox Cove where he made schooners.

The census of 1850 shows that there were twenty-eight looms and two hundred three spinning wheels in town and 6,706 yards of cloth. Grand Isle is noted today for hand loom rugs.

For years there were many fine apple orchards in Grand Isle but dairying is the principle occupation to-day. The Grand Isle Creamery Association was formed in 1889.

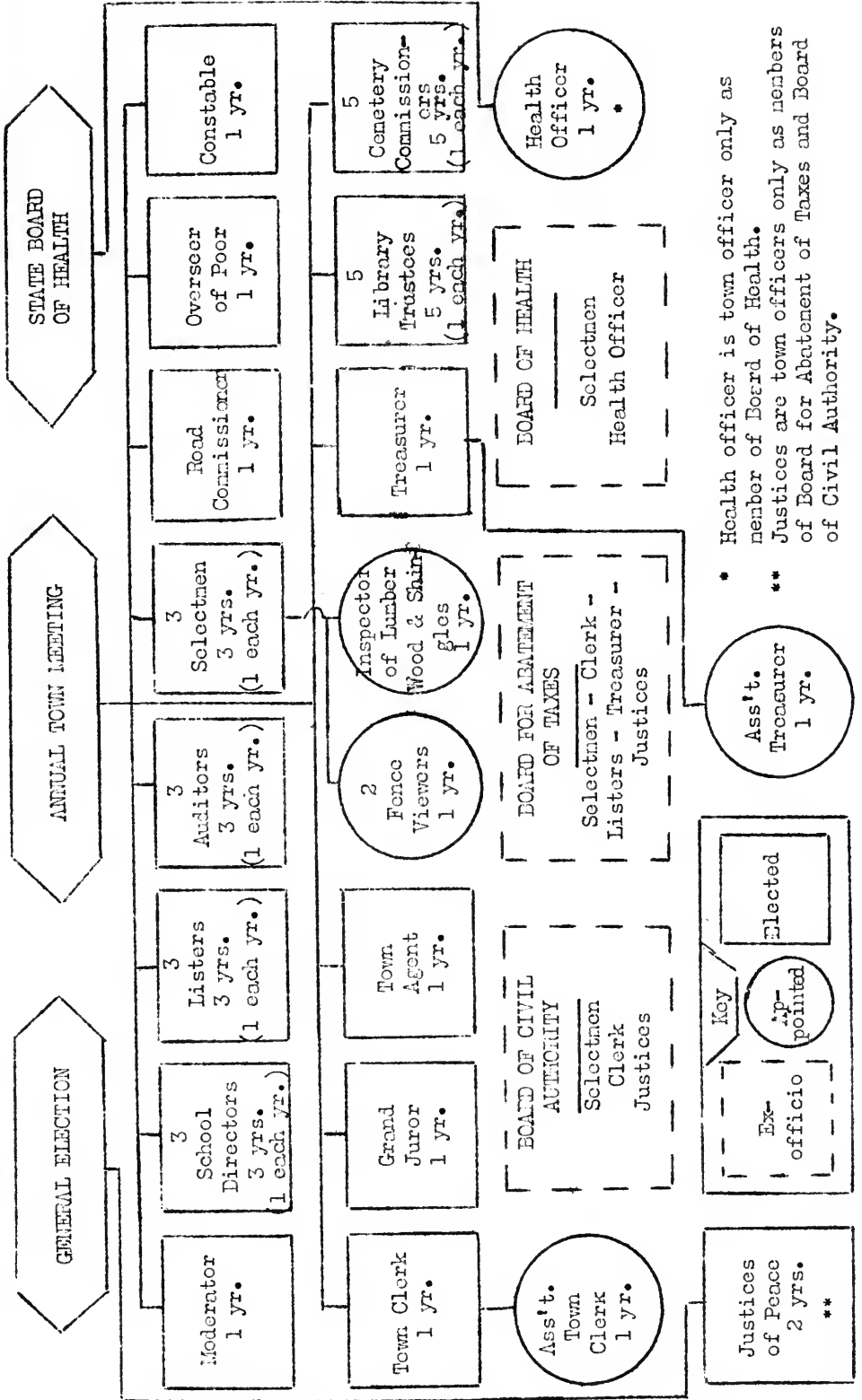
Census figures show the population of Grand Isle to have been as follows: 1800-611; 1830-643; 1850-666; 1870-682; 1890-793; 1910-839; 1930-857.

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18. United States Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Washington, 1935.

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## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All of the records in the inventory of the town of Grand Isle, except the records of the overseer of the poor, tax collector, selectmen, library trustees and most of the records of the cemetery commissioners, road commissioner, and school directors, are located either in the residence of the town clerk or in the vault in the town library. Unless otherwise specified in the inventory all records are located in the town clerk's office. Some of the records are kept in the desk in the office and in the attic over the office. No location is given for records kept in the town clerk's safe.

The building which houses the town clerk's office is a two and one-half story wooden structure, built in 1903 and located on U. S. Route 2. It is in no way fireproof and in case of fire the records would suffer a severe loss.

The office is well heated and lighted and furnishes accommodations for one or two researchers. However, the town clerk offers the use of her living room which adjoins the office and has adequate accommodations. The records are available for inspection at all reasonable hours.

Mr. Edson Gordon is town treasurer and his wife Mrs. Lucy Gordon, is town clerk which accounts for the records of the treasurer being kept in the same office with the town clerk's records.

The records of the selectmen, overseer of poor, tax collector, library trustees, and most of the records of the cemetery commissioners, road commissioner, and school directors are located at their respective residences as noted in the inventory. Some of the school records are located at the residence of the superintendent of schools.



## TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

### I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first recorded town meeting held March 1, 1799 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 6; see entry 4). Since that time a clerk has been elected annually for a term of one year. An assistant town clerk was appointed in 1844 for the first time and one has been appointed occasionally since then. At present there is an assistant clerk.

#### Governmental

1. (TOWN PLAT), 1783-84. 1 map.

Original survey and lotting of what is now the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero showing boundaries and lot numbering. Hand drawn. Condition poor. 1":20 chains. 56 x 21. Vault in town library.

2. (TOWN PLAT OF GRAND ISLE), 1905. 2 maps.

Copy of Grand Isle portion of entry 1 showing boundaries and lot numbering. F. H. Dewart. Blueprint. 1":20 chains. 33 x 20. 1 map, vault in town library; 1 map, in safe.

3. (TOWN PLAT OF SOUTH HERO), 1921. 1 map.

Copy of the South Hero portion of entry 1 showing boundaries and lot numbering. F. H. Dewart. Black and white. 1":20 chains. 20 x 16. Vault in town library.

4. TOWN MEETING AND MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1799--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, date of warning, names of signers-selectmen; minutes show date and place meeting held, election of officers, action taken by town or articles of warning and other town affairs; occasionally date recorded; clerk's attest. For related warning records see entry 6-xviii.

Also contains:

- i. Auditors' reports, 1881, 1889-91, 1895, 1898, showing date of report; balance in treasury of general, school, road, cemetery and dog tax accounts; total balance in treasury; amount of taxes in collector's hands; total amount of available assets; amount of out-standing unpaid orders listed and totaled by departments; itemized list of accounts for services rendered by town officers; names of signers-auditors; date recorded; clerk's attest; 1895 adds recommendations as to amount of tax rate for departmental expense for

- . ensuing year; 1881 shows only expense of poor, amount of outstanding orders, balance in treasury, amount due from dog tax, amount of dog damage allowed, amount of cemetery fund; vols. 2, 3. For subsequent related records, 1911--, see entry 6-1; for original papers, 1910, see entry 45-vi.
- ii. (Births, Family Records), 1842-58, entry 28.
- iii. Division of public money, 1893, showing school district number, amount of equal share, amount of aggregate, total of each district, total amount of money divided, date of division, names of signers-selectmen, date and time recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3. For related records see entry 47-i.
- iv. (Freemen's Meetings), 1800--, entry 5.
- v. (Freemen's oaths), 1802-1917 scattered dates, entry 7.
- vi. Highway survey bills, 1802-83 scattered dates, showing description of road, names of signers-surveyor and selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally petition for road showing date of petition, request, proposed location of road, list of petitioners; occasionally order of selectmen to layout new road showing location of highway, recital of examination of premises and hearing of parties concerned, decision to open highway, date of decision, description of survey of highway, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2. For related records see entry 13-vii.
- vii. Justice of peace fines, 1804-23, showing place and date of hearing, name(s) of offender(s), occasionally type of offense, amount of fine, name of signer-justice of peace, clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- viii. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1813, entry 16.
- ix. (Marriage Records), 1799-1865, entry 29.
- x. Militia records, 1808-17: returns of inspection of equipment showing company number, names of soldiers, certification by commanding officer, place and date of inspection, date received and recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xi. (Officers' appointments), 1844-- scattered dates, entry 9.
- xii. (Officers' Oaths), 1844, 1895-1923, entry 10.
- xiii. Persons drawn for jury service, 1799-1830, 1889-93, showing date drawn, list of names of eligible jurists, names of persons drawn, by whom drawn, occasionally name of signer-county clerk, town clerk's attest; vols. 1-3.
- xiv. (Roads Discontinued), 1845-54, entry 68.
- xv. (Road Mileages), 1907, 1911, entry 67.
- xvi. School census, 1812, 1844: 1812 showing year, name of clerk of district, date of census, name of district, number of pupils in district, total number in town, town clerk's attest; 1844 shows number of district,

- names of heads of families, number of children between 4 and 18 years of age, number of pupils who attended school, number of weeks taught by female teacher and amount of salary paid, number of weeks taught by male teacher and amount of salary paid, amount of public money received and appropriated, attest of district clerk, date recorded. town clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xvii. School district bounds, 1800-1855 scattered dates, showing district number, description of boundaries, occasionally date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2.
- xviii. School property appraisal, 1893, showing date of appraisal recital of authority for appraisal, school district number, itemized list of property appraised, appraised valuation by districts, total valuation of school property for town, names of signers-selectmen, date and time recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xix. (Selectmen's Meetings), 1920-- scattered dates, entry 46.
- xx. Statement of scrupulousness against bearing arms, 1819, showing date of oath, name of person taking oath, declaration of oath, recital of authority for act, name of signer-person taking oath, affidavit, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xxi. Teachers' licenses, 1846, 1888-89, showing place and date issued, name of teacher, certification of qualifications, term of license, attest of school superintendent, date received and recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2.
- xxii. Warnings to depart town, 1807-17: warrant showing name(s) and residence of person(s) warned, instructions to serving officer, date of warrant, names of signers-selectmen; return by serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- Chron. entry. Vols. 1, 2, 1799-1892, no index. Vol. 3, 1892--, partial table of contents for town meeting records; indexed alph. by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Hdw. Aver. 370 pp. 13 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

5. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1800--. In vols. 1-3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-iv.

Warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, list of offices to be voted on, occasionally time of closing of polls, date of warning, attest of warning officer; minutes show date and place of meeting, list of candidates and tabulation of ballots, name of signer-presiding officer; date received and recorded; clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 45-viii and ix.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS, 1911--. 28 vols. and duplicates for 1923-25, 1935--. Also duplicates for 1911-12, 1914, 1916, 1918-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies slightly.

Contains:

- i. Auditor's recapitulation of receipts, disbursements, balances, occasionally auditors' names. For prior related records, 1881, 1889-91, 1895, 1898, see entry 4-1; for original papers, 1910, see entry 45-vi.
- ii. Bar chart, 1934, showing tax comparison in town from 1924-33.
- iii. Births, reports of, 1921--, showing date of birth, name of child, and names of parents. For birth records see entry 28.
- iv. Cemetery commissioners' reports showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements, occasionally clerk's name.
- v. Deaths, reports of, 1926--, showing date of death, name and age of deceased. For death records see entry 30.
- vi. Health officer's report, 1911, 1920-26, showing kind and number of communicable diseases, number of births and deaths, statement of health officer's expense, name of health officer; 1920 adds number of marriages.
- vii. Library trustees' reports, 1911-32, showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements; 1913 adds list of books added to library.
- viii. Marriages, reports of, 1926--, showing date of marriage, names of groom and bride; 1926 adds residence of groom and bride. For marriage records see entry 29.
- ix. Overseer of poor reports showing itemized account of disbursements; list of unpaid orders, occasionally name of overseer.
- x. School director's reports showing itemized statement of receipts and disbursements; 1915 adds summary of report showing statement of disbursements, condition and needs of school, and recommendation of tax to be raised on the grand list for school purposes; 1917 adds classified statement of all expenditures.
- xi. Selectmen's reports showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements; 1913 shows receipts only.
- xii. State and selected highway reports showing itemized account of receipts and disbursements; occasionally name of road commissioner.
- xiii. Tax collector's report showing amount of delinquent taxes due; amount collected or abated.
- xiv. Tax recommendations, 1928--, showing amount proposed for school, town, road and county tax; amount levied and amount recommended for ensuing year.

- xv. Town highway accounts showing receipts and disbursements; occasionally name of road commissioner.
- xvi. Town officers, list of, showing name of person and office held.
- xvii. Treasurer's reports showing general report of receipts and disbursements, balance on hand; disbursements also shown under headings general, school, highway and cemetery; occasionally name of treasurer.
- xviii. Warnings of annual town meetings, 1920--, showing place, date and time meeting to be held; list of articles to be acted on; date of warning; names of selectmen. For related records see entry 4.

No arr. No index; table of contents, 1934--. Printed. Aver. 25 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8. Top of safe.

- 7. (FREEMEN'S OATHS), 1913--. 1 vol. 1802-1917 scattered dates in vols. 1-3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-v.

List of persons taking freemen's oath showing date of oath, names of persons taking oath, name and address of administering official, clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. (8 pp. used) 14 x 9 x 5/8. Desk.

- 8. CHECK LIST, 1892-1900, 1914--. 4 vols. Title varies: No title, 1892-1900, 1914-29, 3 vols.

Alphabetical list of voters entered under the first letter of surname together with a check mark indicating casting of ballot, year; occasionally a tabulation of ballots for candidates under the various parties. No index. Hdw. 80-100 pp. 15 x 10 x 1/2 - 16 1/2 x 12 x 5/8. 3 vols., 1892-1900, 1914-29, in vault at library; 1 vol., 1930--, desk.

- 9. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1944-- scattered dates. 1844-- scattered dates in vols. 1-3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous records, entry 4-xi; 1890-1934 scattered dates also in vols. 5, 9, 11 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-x.

Date of appointment, name of officer, name of office to be appointed to, name of signer-appointing official, occasionally includes certification of having taken oath of office, date recorded, clerk's attest.

- 10. (OFFICERS' OATHS), 1844, 1890-92, 1895-1923. 1844, 1895-1923 in vols. 1, 3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-xii; 1890-92, 1896 in vol. 5 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-xi.

Name of office and person taking oath, date oath was taken, oath, names of signers-officer and administering official, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 45-xiii.

- 11. RECORD OF TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1899--. 1 vol.

Names and addresses of principal and sureties; office held; date,

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term and conditions of bond; names of signers-principal, sureties, and witness(es); date of acceptance; names of signers-selectmen for acceptance and approval; date and time recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For original bonds, 1920, 1931, 1934--, see entry 12.

12. (OFFICERS' BONDS). 1929, 1931, 1934--. 1 bundle. Original bonds showing information as in entry 11 with original signatures and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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13. LAND (and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1795--. 11 vols. (1-7, 9-12). Title varies: Records, 1806-27, vols. 2-5; General Records, 1827--, vols. 9, 11; no title, 1795-1806, vol. 1.

Land records, 1795--: deeds, mortgages, assignments, indentures, wills, leases, and other instruments affecting real estate showing names of principal(s), consideration, description of property, conditions and date of instrument, recital of title, names of signers-principal(s) and witnesses, acknowledgment, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally marginal notations discharging instruments. For original deeds, 1901--, see entry 15.

Also contains:

- i. Articles of association and sale of bonds of Plattsburgh-Grand Isle Ferry Company, 1923, showing statement of security and conditions of sale of bonds for improvement, acceptance of trust and obligations, names of signers-president and trustees of company, corporate seal, names of signers-secretary of state and notary public, clerk's attest; vol. 11.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1831, 1915, 1917-19, 1928, 1937, entry 25.
- iii. Business ownership, statement of, 1909-31 scattered dates, showing name of owner; place, name and type of business; date of statement; certification of owner; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 9, 11. For related records see entry 13-iv.
- iv. Business dissolution, statement of, 1919-25, showing date of dissolution, names of parties, statement of dissolution, oath, attest of notary public, date received and recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 9, 11. For related records see entry 13-iii.
- v. Fence viewers' decisions, 1850, 1903-13, showing location of fence, date of decision, names of disputants, decision, names of signers-viewers, clerk's attest; vols. 4, 9.

- vi. Grand Isle Bridge Company records, 1889-92; minutes of meetings of bridge directors showing election of officers, business transacted, issuing of bonds and specifications of bridge, engineer's approval of completion, names of signers-engineer in charge and clerk of bridge directors; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 5.
- vii. Highway locations, 1851-1929 scattered dates: petition for new road showing list of petitioners, names of parties notified for opening of new road, location of road, date of petition; and report showing order to layout road, location, surveyor's report, appraisal of damages, notice to remove obstructions, names of signers-selectmen; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 4, 5, 9, 11. For related records see entry 4-vi.
- viii. Land survey bills, 1800-1808, showing place and date of survey, name of original proprietor, description of property with boundaries surveyed, names of signers-surveyor and committee, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2.
- ix. (Land taxes and venues), 1795-1814, entry 16.
- x. (Officers' Appointments), 1890-1934 scattered dates, entry 9.
- xi. (Officers' Oaths), 1890-92, 1896, entry 10.
- xii. Pole line permits, 1899, 1912, 1918, 1927, showing date of permit; name of person or company to whom permit is issued; purpose, specifications and conditions of permit; proposed location of poles; names of signers-selectmen; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 9, 11.
- xiii. Railroad right of way, 1898, showing appointment of commissioners by taxpayers, land damages appraised, assent and grand list of majority of taxpayers, names of signers-commissioners, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 9.
- xiv. Record of Attachments (and Executions) of Personal Property and Real Estate, 1800-1858, entry 20.
- xv. (Roads Discontinued), 1848-1929 scattered dates, entry 68.
- xvi. (Road Mileages), 1899-1900, 1902-6, 1908-9, 1912-13, 1937, entry 67.

Chron. entry. Vols. 1-3, 1799-1847, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee for land records; no index to miscellaneous items. Vols. 1, 2, 4, 1799-1868, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant for attachments showing type of record. Vols. 4, 5, 9, 11, 1847-- indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, mortgagor-mortgagee for land records showing type of deeds; indexed alph. by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Vols. 6, 7, 10, 12, 1874-- indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor and mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for land records showing type of deed; indexed alph. by

type of contents for miscellaneous items. Index to vols. 1, 2 laid in vol. 1. Separate index see entry 14. Vols. 1-5, 9, 11, 1799-- hdw.; vols. 6, 7, 10, 12, 1874-- , hdw. on printed forms. Condition: vol. 1, 1799-1808, poor; vols. 2, 3, 1808-47, fair. 380-600 pp.  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $17 \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ .

14. GENERAL INDEX, 1799-- . 1 vol.

Index to land and miscellaneous records in entry 13 showing names of parties, type of deed for land records, type of contents for miscellaneous records, volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor and mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for land records; plaintiff-defendant, defendant-plaintiff for attachments; type of contents for miscellaneous records. Hdw. under printed headings. 300 pp.  $16 \times 11 \times 1\text{-}3/4$ .

15. (DEEDS), 1901-- . 1 bundle.

Original recorded warrant, quit-claim and mortgage deeds showing information as in entry 13 with original signatures and adding volume and page reference of recording. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms.  $9 \times 3\text{-}3/4 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ .

16. (LAND TAXES AND VENDUES), 1795-1814. 1795-1814 in vols. 1, 2 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-ix; 1813 also in vol. 1 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-viii.

Record of land taxes and sale of land for taxes; warrant showing recital of authority for tax, number of acres of taxable real estate in town, instructions to collector to levy and collect, amount of tax per acre, description of land to be levied on, description of land exempt, kind of money acceptable, total amount of tax due, instructions to sell land belonging to delinquents, date of warrant, name of signer-state treasurer, date recorded, clerk's attest; collector's warning showing to whom directed, purpose of warning, recital of authority, final date of payment, place and date of public vendue, date of warning, attest of collector, date recorded, clerk's attest; record of taxes collected showing names of proprietors, lot number, number of acres taxed, amount of tax paid, name of person paying tax, certificate of selectmen regarding deduction for highways, date recorded, clerk's attest; record of vendue showing names of proprietors, lot numbers, number of acres, name of person by whom bid, date recorded, clerk's attest; collector's certificate showing date of certificate, description of what is certified to, name of signer-collector, clerk's attest.

17. (ASSIGNMENTS), 1879-- . 1879-- in vols. 1, 2 of Chattel Mortgage Records, entry 26-i; 1924-- scattered dates also in vols. 1-4 of liens, entry 22-i.

Record of assignments of mortgages showing names of assignor and assignee, consideration, reference to mortgage, assignation, names of signers-assignor and witnesses, date acknowledged, date and time received and recorded, clerk's attest.



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18. REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, 1913-16. 1 vol.

List of real estate transfers showing names of grantors and grantees, volume and page references where deeds are recorded, kind of deed, date of record, number of acres, occasional remarks. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 8-3/4 x 14 x 1/2. Deslk.

19. (MAP), 1916. 1 map.

Plan of property of estate of Solon S. Griswold, of Grand Isle, Vermont, surveyed for Juan Robinson, administrator. F. H. Dewart, Burlington, Vt. Blueprint. 100 rods:25 chains. 12 x 27. Top of safe.

20. RECORD OF ATTACHMENTS (and Executions) OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE, 1872--. 2 vols. (7, 8). Title varies: Writs and Executions and Liens and Personal Estate, 1872-1924, vol. 7. 1800-1858 in vols. 1, 2, 4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-xiv.

Record of writs of attachments showing name and address of defendant, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, name and address of plaintiff, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-court, recognition of surety for cost of prosecution, amount of bond, attest of court; abstract of above usually recorded in lieu of full attachment showing date of writ and occasionally date and time of hearing, name of court, names of plaintiff-defendant, amount of damage; officer's return of service showing place and date of service, name of defendant, description of property attached, date and place of filing, name of signer-serving officer, date recorded, clerk's attest. Executions showing names of plaintiff, defendant and court; date of judgment; accounting of damages and costs; instructions to serving officer; date of execution; name of signer-court; and officer's return of service showing name of defendant, place and date of service, description of property levied on, appointment of appraisers, amount of appraisal, occasionally name of purchaser, itemized list of goods sold and amount received, date of recording at town clerk's office, fees, attest of constable, date recorded, town clerk's attest. For original writs, 1929--, see entry 45-v and xi.

Also contains:

- i. Conditional Sales, 1882-1924, entry 24.
- ii. Liens, 1875-1923, entry 22.
- iii. Mechanics' Liens, 1879, 1894, 1902, 1923, showing date of lien, name and address of creditor, recital of authority, name and address of debtor, description of property lien is on and of work done or materials furnished, amount of debt, occasionally recital of agreement, itemized statement of account due, names of signers-creditor and witness, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 7. For related records see entry 22.
- iv. (Personal Property Attachments), 1889--, entry 21.

- v. Text Book Committee Report, 1879, showing the name of study, name of book stipulated, names of signers-committee; agreement with publishers showing date of acceptance of agreement, list of books accepted, rate of discount, names of signers-agent for publishers and text book committee; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 7.

Vol. 7, 1872-1924, chron. entry. Vol. 8, 1889--, chron. entry in alph. divisions under first letter of surname of defendant. Vol. 7, 1872-1924, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant for attachments and executions; vendee-vendor for liens and conditional sales; no index to remainder of material. Vol. 8, 1889--, no index. Vol. 7, 1872-1924, h.d.w. some printed forms pasted in; vol. 8, 1889--, h.d.w. and h.d.w. under printed headings. Aver. 300 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Vol. 7, 1872-1924, in vault in town library; vol. 8, 1889--, shelf over desk.

21. (PERSONAL PROPERTY ATTACHMENTS), 1889--. In vol. 8 of Record of Attachments (and Executions) of Personal Property and Real Estate, entry 20-iv.

Abstracts of attachments on personal property showing date when attachment was lodged in clerk's office; names of defendant and plaintiff; name, location and date of court; amount of debt or damages claimed and occasional remarks.

22. LIENS, 1924--. 4 vols. (1-4). 1875-1923 in vol. 7 of Record of Attachments (and Executions) of Personal Property and Real Estate, entry 20-ii.

Record of lien notes showing names of principals, amount and date of note, terms of payment, description of property, names of signers-maker and witnesses, clerk's attest, date and time received and recorded.

For related records see entry 20-iii.

Also contains:

- i. (Assignments), 1924-- scattered dates, entry 17.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1924-- scattered dates, entry 25.
- iii. Chattel Mortgage Records, 1924-- scattered dates, entry 26.

- iv. Conditional Sales, 1924--scattered dates, entry 24.

Chron. entry. Vols. 1-3, 1924--, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of vendor-vendee for conditional sales and bills of sale; mortgagor-mortgagee for other records; vol. 4, 1936--, no index. Vols. 1, 3, 1924--, h.d.w., some printed forms pasted in; vol. 2, 1928--, h.d.w.; vol. 4, 1936--, h.d.w. or typed on printed forms pasted in. 300-400 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $11\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf.

23. INDEX TO VOLS. 3 AND 4 OF LIENS, 1929--. 1 vol.

Index to all records in volumes 3 and 4 of entry 22 showing names of parties, volume and page reference. Chron. entry and alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of vendee-vendor for conditional sales and bills of sale; mortgagor-mortgagee for other records. H.d.w. 200 pp.  $9\frac{3}{4} \times 6 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf.

24. CONDITIONAL SALES, 1922--. 1 vol. 1882-1924 in vol. 7 of Records of Attachments (and Executions) of Personal Property and Real Estate, entry 20-i; 1924-- scattered dates in vols. 1-4 of liens, entry 22-iv.

Record of conditional sales showing names of vendor and vendee; amount, date and condition of sale; terms of payment; description of property; names and addresses of signers-vendor and vendee; date and time recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of vendee-vendor, vendor-vendee. Hdw. on printed forms. 312 pp.  $14\frac{1}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf.

For original papers, 1925-29, see entry 45-vii.

25. (BILLS OF SALE), 1831, 1915, 1917-19, 1924--. 1831, 1915, 1917-19, 1928, 1937 in vols. 2, 9, 11 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-ii; 1924-- scattered dates in vols. 1-4 of Liens, entry 22-ii.

Record of bills of sale showing names and addresses of vendor and vendee, consideration, description of property, place and date of sale, names of signers-vendor and witness(es), date and time recorded, clerk's attest.

26. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1879--. 2 vols. (1, 2). 1924-- scattered dates in vols. 1-4 of Liens, entry 22-iii.

Chattel mortgages showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of property, conditions and date of mortgage, names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgment, oath and affidavit of both parties, clerk's attest; usually followed by statement of discharge showing place and date discharged, names of signers-mortgagee and witnesses; date and time recorded; clerk's attest.

Also contains:

- i. (Assignments), entry 17.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under the first letter of surname of mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 328-420 pp. aver.  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ . Vol. 1, 1879-1923, in vault in town library; vol. 2, 1923--, desk.

27. STALLION REGISTER, 1924--. 1 vol. Last entry 1928.

Record of stallions registered showing date of registration; name of owner; amount of fee; color, breed and name of stallion; clerk's attest; 1927-28 adds weight and age of stallion. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 50 pp. (2 pp. used)  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf.

#### Vital Statistics

28. (BIRTHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1761-1869. 1761-1869 in Record of Births and Deaths, Record of Gravestone Inscriptions, entry 31-i; 1842-58 also in vol. 1 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-ii.

Names of parents, names of children, date and occasionally place of

birth of each child, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1857--, see entries 32-i, 33-i, 34, 35; for birth certificates see entries 36, 41-i; for birth reports see entry 6-iii.

29. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1799-1865. In vols. 1, 2 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-ix.

Place and date of marriage; name and address of groom and bride, name of signer-performing official, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1857--, see entries 32-iii, 34, 37; for marriage certificates see entries 38, 41-iii; for marriage reports see entry 6-viii; for original papers, 1797-1849, see entry 45-xiv.

30. (DEATHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1788-1895. In Records of Births and Deaths, Record of Gravestone Inscriptions, entry 31-ii.

Record of deaths by families showing names of parents, name and age of deceased, date and place of death, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1937, see entries 32-ii, 33-ii, 34, 39; for death certificates see entries 40, 41-ii; for death reports see entry 6-v; for original papers, 1813, 1822, 1833, see entry 45-xiv.

31. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, RECORD OF GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS, 1744-1895, 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. (Births, Family Records), 1761-1869, entry 28.
- ii. (Deaths, Family Records), 1788-1895, entry 30.
- iii. Gravestone Inscriptions, 1744-1870, showing name of deceased; names of parents, husband, or wife; occasionally date of birth; condition of gravestone if broken; date of death; age of deceased.

No arr. No index. Hdw. 180 pp. (66 pp. used) 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4.

32. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1857-83. 2 vols. Title varies: Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths for the Town of Grand Isle, 1857-70, 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Births showing date of birth, name, sex, condition, place of birth of child; names, residences and birthplaces of parents; occupation of father; clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1761-1869, see entry 28.
- ii. Deaths showing date of death, name, place of death, birthplace, disease or cause of death, sex, marital status, age of deceased; occupation if male over 15 years; names of parents; clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1788-1895, see entry 30.

- iii. Marriages showing date of marriage; name, residence, age, and birthplace of groom and bride; occupation of groom; names of parents; number of marriage of each; name and title of officiating person; clerk's attest; occasionally date recorded. For prior related records, 1799-1865, see entry 29.

Chron. entry under the three separate headings. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol. for 1857-70, condition very poor. 46-256 pp.  $17\frac{3}{4} \times 17\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  -  $15\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ .

33. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, VT., 1883-95. 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Births showing information as in entry 32-i omitting condition and clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1761-1869, see entry 28.  
ii. Deaths showing information as in entry 32-ii omitting clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1788-1895, see entry 30.

Chron. entry under the two separate headings. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 200 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ . On top of safe.

34. (BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS), 1896. 1 bundle.

Certified copies from Secretary of State showing information as in entry 32 adding certification of Secretary of State. No arr. No index. Typed on printed forms.  $11\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ . On safe.

For prior related records see entries 28-30

35. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897---. 2 vols. Title varies:  
Births, 1897-1935, 1 vol.

Showing information as in entry 32-i adding race or color, name of medical attendant and omitting clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 84 pp.  $14\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . On safe.

For prior related records, 1761-1869, see entry 28.

36. BIRTHS, 1903-25. 2 vols. Missing 1905. 1926--- in  
Births, Deaths, Marriages, entry 41-i.

Original certificates showing date and place certificate was issued; name, color, sex, date and place of birth of child; name, age, residence and birthplace of parents; occupation of father; condition of child as to whether live or stillbirth and cause if latter; number of child of mother; signature and residence of physician or informant; date of filing. 1921--- adds information as to multiple births and number in order of such births, number of children of mother now living, occupation of mother, statement of legitimacy, certificate of physician or midwife. 1930--- adds detailed information regarding occupation of parents, whether or not child was premature or full term, period of gestation if stillborn. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 27-493 certificates  $7\frac{3}{4} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ . Top of safe.

For birth records see entry 28.

37. MARRIAGE RECORD FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, 1883--.

2 vols. (3, 4). Title varies: Marriage Record, 1883-97, vol. 3.

Showing information as in entry 32-iii. Chron. entry. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride. Hdw. on printed forms. 40-146 pp. 14 x 8-3/4 x 3/8 - 14 x 8-3/4 x 3/4. On safe.

For prior related records, 1793-1865; see entry 29.

38. MARRIAGES, 1907-26. 1 vol. 1926-- in Births, Deaths, Marriages, entry 41-iii.

Original certificates showing date of application; names, residence, color, number of marriage, whether or not divorced, place of birth, and age of groom and bride; occupation of groom; names and birthplaces of parents of each; attest of groom or bride; clerk's certification of place and date of application and filing of copy; and certification of performing official showing names of groom and bride, place and date of marriage; residence and signature of performing official; date recorded; clerk's attest. 1912-- adds oath of groom or bride as to truth of statements in application for licenses issued in this town (copies filed from other towns add this oath in 1909). Consent to marriage of minor occasionally recorded showing place and date consent was given, name of minor, signature of parent or guardian. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 130 certificates 8 x 8 1/4 x 1. Top of safe.

For marriage records see entry 29.

39. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897-1937. 1 vol.

Showing information as in entry 32-ii adding race or color, and name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 78 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 3/8. Top of safe.

For prior related records, 1786-1895, see entry 30.

40. DEATHS, 1904-25. 2 vols. 1926-- in Births, Deaths, Marriages, entry 41-iii.

Original certificates showing place and date of death; name, sex, race or color, date of birth, age, occupation if male over 15 years of age, marital status, birthplace of deceased; name of spouse; name and birthplace of father; maiden name and birthplace of mother; place and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; and certificate of principal and contributing causes of death, duration of illness, signatures of physician and/or of health officer and/or name and address of informant, date of filing. 1930-- adds death from external cause or violence with date, place and nature of injury; statement by physician as to whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased; statement of detailed information regarding occupation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 145 certificates 8 x 8 1/4 x 1. Top of safe.

For death records see entry 30.

41. BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, 1926--. 1 vol., 1 envelope. Title varies: No title, 1935--, 1 envelope.

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Contains:

- i. Births, entry 36.
- ii. Deaths, entry 40.
- iii. Marriages, entry 38.

Arr. chron. by kind of certificate. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1926-31, 392 (looseleaf) certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ ; envelope, 1935--,  $12 \times 15 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ . Top of safe.

42. BURIAL AND REMOVAL PERMITS, 1903--. 2 vols., 1 bundle.

Title varies: no title, 1931--, 1 bundle.

Original permits showing number of permit; name of person to whom issued; place of issuance; date of death; name and age of deceased; cause of death; name of medical attendant; proposed date, place and manner of burial, entombment or removal; name and address of undertaker; authorization of health officer or town clerk; date of permit; undertaker's certificate of delivery of body to sexton of cemetery showing place and date of issuance of certificate, names of sexton and cemetery where body was delivered, manner of disposition to be made of body, signature of undertaker; sexton's certificate of disposition showing place and date of certificate, date and manner of disposition, signature of sexton. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Vols., 1903-30, 147-163 pp.  $7\text{-}3\frac{3}{4} \times 8 \times 1$ ; bundle, 1931--,  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ . Top of safe.

For related records see entry 43.

43. (TRANSPORTATION PERMITS), 1901--. 1 envelope.

Name and age of deceased, date and time of death, place of departure, destination, date of permit, undertaker's name and address, occasionally license number, place of burial, place and cause of death, signature of health officer or undertaker; occasionally physician's certificate showing name and age of deceased, date and time of death, place and cause of death, signature and residence of physician. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $10 \times 7 \times 2$ . On safe.

For related records see entry 42.

Licenses, Fees, Permits

44. (DOG LICENSE DUPLICATES), 1933--. 3 vols.

Duplicates of licenses issued showing license number, owner's name, description and name of dog, amount of license fee, term and date of license, signature of town clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50 pp.  $7\text{-}5\frac{5}{8} \times 6\text{-}3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $15\frac{1}{4} \times 6\text{-}3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . 2 vols., 1933-36, in attic; 1 vol., 1937--, on shelf over desk.

Miscellaneous Records

45. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1901--. 8 pigeonholes.  
Unbound papers which have been filed with town clerk:

- i. Abstracts of the grand list, 1930, 1934-35, showing year; total appraised valuation of real and personal estate for taxation; total deductions for debts owing; amount of net personal estate; one percent of total appraised valuation of real and personal estate; total appraised valuation of polls; total grand list; certificates of listers showing name of town, year of grand list, date of certificate, signatures of listers; town clerk's certificate showing date of certificate, certification of examination, year of grand list, signature of clerk. For related records see entry 51.
- ii. Abstract of the quadrennial appraisal, 1930--, showing year; total appraised valuation of all taxable real estate; total appraised valuation of all lands sequestered for public, pious or charitable uses and not paying an annual rental; certificate of listers showing year of appraisal, date of certificate, signatures of listers; certificate of town clerk showing date of certificate, certificate of examination, year of appraisal, signature of clerk. For related records see entry 50.
- iii. Affidavit of proposed issue of capital stock, 1918-- scattered dates, showing name of corporation, place and date of meeting where issue was voted, number and value of shares to be issued, consideration, balance sheet, signatures of majority of directors; notary public's affidavit showing date of affidavit, names of directors, signature and seal of notary public; certificate of secretary of state, showing name of corporation, date copy was filed in secretary's office, place and date of certificate, signature and seal of secretary of state, date filed, clerk's attest.
- iv. Articles of association, 1918-36 scattered dates, showing name and purpose of corporation, location of principal office, number and valuation of shares of stock to be issued, place and date of incorporation, signatures and addresses of subscribers; certificate of secretary of state showing name of corporation, date of filing in secretary of state's office, date of certificate, signature and seal of secretary of state, date filed, clerk's attest.
- v. Attachments, 1929--, showing information as in entry 20.
- vi. Auditors' report, 1910, showing total receipts and disbursements by departments as selectmen, treasurer, constable, town clerk, cemetery, poor, school and



- town and state highway accounts with reports of condition of records and recommendations for future accounting, report and recommendations regarding bonded indebtedness, recommendation of amount of the tax rate and divisions of rate by departments, date of report, signatures of auditors, date filed, clerk's attest. For related records see entries 4-i, 6-i.
- vii. Conditional sales contracts, 1925-29, showing information as in entry 24.
  - viii. Certificates of nomination, 1929, showing name of proposed candidate, name of party affiliation, name of office to be nominated for, date of meeting, statement regarding legal voting residence, date of certificate, signatures of subscribers, and subscribers' affidavit. For related records see entries 5, 45-ix.
  - ix. Certificates of votes, 1931-36, showing name of town, date of meeting, name of office voted on, names of candidates and tabulation of ballots, attest of presiding officer and town clerk. For related records see entries 5, 45-iii.
  - x. Creamery licenses, 1916--scattered dates, showing name and location of licensee, grant of license, recital of authority, place and date of issuance, signature and seal of Commissioner of Agriculture; true copy certificate, showing name of licensee, date of certificate, signature and seal of Commissioner of Agriculture; date filed; clerk's attest.
  - xi. Executions, 1931, 1936, showing information as in entry 20.
  - xii. Insurance policies, fire and liability, 1935, 1938.
  - xiii. Listers' oaths, 1929, 1932--, showing name of lister, declaration of oath, date of oath, signature of lister, lister's affidavit. For related records see entry 10.
  - xiv. Marriages, 1797-1840, showing name of performing official, names of groom and bride, date of marriage; also one sheet contains three death records, 1813, 1822, 1833, showing name of deceased, name of husband, and in two instances of father, date of death, and age of deceased at time of death. For marriage records see entry 29; for death records see entry 30.
  - xv. Partnership records, 1917-37 scattered dates: certificate of formation of partnership, 1920, 1928, 1937, showing name and address of person issuing certificate; date of formation; names and addresses of partners; name, location and purpose of partnership; date of certificate; signature and affidavit of person issuing certificate; date filed; clerk's attest; and appointment of process agent, 1937,

- showing name and address of non-resident partner, name and location of business, recital of authority, name and address of process agent, place and date of appointment, signature of non-resident partner, date filed, clerk's attest; certificate of cessation of partnership, 1917, 1936-37, showing name and address of partner issuing certificate, date of cessation, names of partners, and name and location of partnership, date of certificate, signature and affidavit of partner issuing certificate, date filed, clerk's attest.
- xvi. Road mileage certificates, 1907, 1922-- scattered dates, showing year, number of miles of traveled highways not including pent roads and trails, number of miles of new roads added if any, number of miles of roads discontinued if any, total number of travelled highways the present year, description of new roads or roads discontinued if any, signatures and affidavits of selectmen. For related records see entry 67.
- xvii. Statement of taxes raised, 1931-32, 1934--, showing year, amount of grand list; tax rate classified under general town, town school, town highway and county; total amount assessed; date of report; signature of town clerk. 1931-32, 1934-35 adds number of polls for flood tax. 1935-37 adds number of polls for old age assistance tax. For related records see entry 56.

Arr. chron. by subject. No index. Hdw. and typed, some on printed forms.  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3-3/4 \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .

## II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at the first annual meeting held March 7, 1799, to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). The procedure of electing three selectmen annually to serve for a term of one year was followed through 1908. In 1909 three selectmen were elected, one for a term of one year, one for two years and one for three years. Since 1910 one selectman has been elected annually for a term of three years. In addition to their regular duties they performed other duties as follows: overseer of poor for the years, 1811-12, 1815-16, 1821, 1826, 1878, 1916; as a committee to settle the accounts of the previous selectmen, 1801; as a committee to settle with the treasurer, 1810, 1815-16, 1819-24, 1826, 1828-37, 1839-41; as a committee to settle with the constable, 1815-16, 1819, 1841; as a committee to settle with the overseer of poor, 1828-37, 1839-41; as auditors,

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1842-43; and as fence viewers in 1843.

For financial reports see entry 6-xi.

46. (SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS), 1920---. 1920-- scattered dates in vol. 3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-xix; 1926-- also in vol. for 1926-- of record of orders, entry 47-ii.

Record of minutes of meetings showing date and place of meeting, business transacted, signatures of selectmen.

47. RECORD OF ORDERS, 1882-1910, 1926---. 2 vols.

Record of orders drawn showing name of payee; number, date, purpose and amount of order; 1926-- adds auditors' approval and signatures. Also contains:

- i. Division of school money, 1882-85, showing date of division, district number, amount of allotment to each district; vol. for 1882-1910. For related records see entry 4-iii.
- ii. (Selectmen's Meetings), 1926---, entry 46.
- iii. Statement of bridge bonds issued, 1800, showing date issued purchaser, amount purchased; vol. for 1882-1910.
- iv. Tax abatements, 1882-88, showing date, name of taxpayer, amount abated, statement of taxes delivered to treasurer; vol. for 1882-1910. For subsequent related records see entry 57.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Vol. for 1882-1910, condition very poor. Aver. 240 pp. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x 1. Vol., 1882-1910, in vault in town library; vol., 1926---, at residence of A. S. Pearl, selectman.

48. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1934---. 4 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee; number, amount, date and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of A. S. Pearl, selectman.

### III. LISTERS

Three listers were elected at an annual meeting held March 1, 1799, to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From that time until 1909 three to five listers were elected annually. In 1909 three listers were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for two years and one for three years. Since 1910 one lister has been elected annually for a three year term. The listers acted as fence viewers for the year 1842.

49. (TAX INVENTORIES), 1934---. 7 bundles.

Name and address of taxpayer, itemized list and summary of taxable real and personal property including livestock and furniture

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offsets, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signatures of listers and date of receipt. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver.  $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ . Attic.

50. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE IN THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE. 1894-- quadrennially. 11 vols. Missing 1898. Title varies: Quadrennial Valuation of Real Estate, 1894. 1902-10, 4 vols.

Name of owner, description of property, appraised value, municipal division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 16-45 pp.  $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $11 \times 17\frac{1}{4} \times 3/8$ . 9 vols., 1894, 1902-30, in vault in town library; 2 vols., 1934-- , on shelf over desk.

For related records see entry 45-ii.

51. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LIST, 1899--. 38 vols. Missing 1900, 1902. Title varies: Grand List, 1899, 1901, 1903-10, 10 vols.

Name and address of taxpayer, description of property, real and personal valuations, offsets, exemptions, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value); certification of abstract of individual list showing date, place, signatures of listers.

Also contains:

- i. Ratable Polls in the Town of Grand Isle, 1899, 1901, 1903-33, entry 52.

Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 30-65 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $10-3/4 \times 17 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 36 vols., 1899, 1901, 1903-36, in vault in town library; 2 vols., 1937-- , on desk.

For related records see entry 45-i.

52. RATABLE POLLS IN THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, 1934--. 5 vols. 1899, 1901, 1903-33 in Abstract of Individual Lists and Grand List, entry 51-i.

Name and residence of taxpayer, polls for town tax, exemption if any; place and date of certification by listers, date and place filed, clerk's attest. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 30 pp.  $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 4 vols., 1934-37, in vault in town library; 1 vol., 1938, on shelf over desk.

#### IV. TREASURER

At the annual meeting held March 1, 1799 a town treasurer was elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). Since then one treasurer has been elected annually. At the present time there is an assistant treasurer. For reports see entry 6-xvii.

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53. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK (Receipts and Disbursements), 1876--. 4 vols.

Itemized receipts and disbursements under departmental headings after 1901; receipts show date; name of payer; purpose; total amount received from taxes, loans, dog licenses, sundries, special accounts; and disbursements show date of payment; name of payee; purpose; order number; total amount expended for loans, state and county taxes, general, school, highway, poor, special accounts. Chron. entry. No index. Vol. for 1876-1900, hdw., vols. 2-4, 1901--, hdw. under printed headings. 200-350 pp.  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  -  $16 \times 11 \times 2$ . Vols. 1-3, 1876-1920, in vault in town library; vol. 4, 1920--, shelf over desk.

54. (CANCELED ORDERS AND CHECKS), 1937--. 1 bundle, 5 envelopes. Prior records destroyed.

Contains:

- i. Canceled checks showing date, number, name of payee, and amount of check; treasurer's signature; indorsements; bank cancellation.
- ii. Canceled orders showing number, date, name of payee, purpose and amount of orders; signature(s) of issuing officer(s).

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Bundle, 1937,  $4 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ ; envelopes, 1938,  $4 \times 9 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $9 \times 12 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 1 bundle, 1937, attic; 5 envelopes, 1938, shelf over desk.

55. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1915--. 13 vols.

Date, name of payee, purpose and amount of check; occasionally order number; bank deposits and balances. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 25-330 stubs  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  -  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . 12 vols., 1915-37, attic; 1 vol., 1938, desk.

56. (TAX BOOKS), 1912-18, 1920--. 20 vols.

Record of taxes assessed showing name of taxpayer; grand list; amount of taxes broken down under highway, school, special and intangibles; total taxes; date paid. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. and typed, some on printed forms. 100-285 pp.  $6-3\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  -  $9 \times 6 \times 1$ . Desk.

For related records see entry 45-xvii.

V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

Three trustees of public money were elected at a special town meeting held December 31, 1836 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 288; see entry 4). Three trustees were elected annually to serve for one year in the years 1839-60. One trustee was elected annually to serve for a term of one year for the years 1861-1900, 1902-14, 1921-29, 1931-37. No record of the election of trustees was shown in the years 1901, 1915-20, 1930. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1938.

## VI. AUDITORS

At the annual meeting held March 26, 1806 a committee of three was elected to settle with the selectmen and treasurer (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 37; see entry 4). A similar committee of three with the same duties was elected again in 1807 and 1811. The selectmen in 1801 were elected a committee to settle with the selectmen of the previous year; as a committee to settle with the treasurer for the years 1810, 1815-16, 1819-24, 1826, 1828-37, 1839-41; as a committee to settle with the constable for the years 1815-16, 1819, 1841; as a committee to settle with the overseer of poor for the years 1828-37, 1839-41; and as auditors for the years 1842-43. For the intermittent years as shown there was no record of these committees. At the annual meeting held March 12, 1844 three auditors were elected each to serve for a term of one year. In the years 1845-1916, with the exception of the year 1900, three auditors were elected annually, each for a term of one year. In 1917 three auditors were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Since 1918 one auditor has been elected annually. For reports as filed in the town clerk's office see entry 6; for reports as recorded by the town clerk see entry 4-i.

## VII. TAX COLLECTOR

At the annual meeting held March 7, 1799 it was voted that the first constable be the collector of taxes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). The procedure of having the constable perform the duties of tax collector continued annually until 1888. In 1889 it was voted that current taxes be paid direct to the treasurer and the first constable became collector of delinquent taxes. This last named procedure has been continued annually since 1890. For financial reports see entry 6-xiii.

### 57. (DELINQUENT TAX BOOKS), 1928---. 13 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes due town showing names of taxpayers, amount due, record of payment or abatements; occasionally receipts from treasurer showing date and amount received, signature of treasurer. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Aver. 35 pp. 6 x 3-3/4 x 3/8. Residence of Asa Poquette, tax collector.

For prior related abatement records see entry 47-iv.

### 58. (TAX RECEIPTS), 1935---. 4 vols.

Stubs of tax receipts, 1935-36, showing name of taxpayer, whether poll or property tax, year of tax, amount and date paid, signature of constable; triplicate tax receipts, 1937---, showing receipt

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number, name of taxpayer, amount and date paid, collector's fees, treasurer's fees, total, signature of collector. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3 \times 11 \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Asa Poquette, tax collector.

59. (RECORD OF TAX COLLECTIONS), 1935--. 2 vols.

Name of taxpayer, date and amount of payment, year. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 13-40 pp.  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 6\text{-}3/4 \times 1/8$  -  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 6\text{-}3/4 \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Residence of Asa Poquette, tax collector.

### VIII. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was created by an act of the legislature in 1860 (Laws, 1860, No. 23). In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board. During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority. Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes. For record of abatements as made by the tax collector see entry 57; for record of abatements as made by the selectmen see entry 47-iv.

### IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839 (Laws, 1839, sec. 51, pp. 118-119). In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member. Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. For check lists as revised by this board see entry 8.

### X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

At a special town meeting held March 29, 1828, a committee of three was elected to superintend the schools (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 242; see entry 4). Similar superintending committees of three were elected for the years 1829-34. In the years 1846-52, 1854-84, 1891-92 a superintendent of common schools was elected annually. For the years 1886-88 two school commissioners were elected annually. In 1890 the town was

divided into five districts and a clerk was elected for each district and in addition one member of the county board of education was elected. In 1891 one member was again elected to county board. No records of the election of any officers were found for the years 1835-45, 1853, 1885, 1889. At the annual meeting on March 7, 1893 three school directors were elected as follows: one to serve for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Since 1894 one director has been elected annually for a term of three years. For financial reports see entry 6-x.

60. RECORD, 1933--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of school directors showing date and place meeting held, election of chairman and clerk, names of teachers hired, business transacted. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 7-3/4 x 1/2. Residence of Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, school director.

61. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1914--. 148 vols.

Certification of report by teacher; list of teachers with description of certificates; attendance data; visitor's register; annual school statistics by teacher; detailed daily attendance record; record of registration of pupils; list of transfers, reentries and withdrawals; list of non-resident pupils; record of transportation and board. Attendance records arr. alph. by name of pupil; no arr. for remainder of material. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 15 pp. 11 1/2 x 9 x 1/8. 20 vols., 1914-16, in vault in town library; 128 vols., 1917--., attic, residence of F. B. Cargill, superintendent of schools, Alburgh, Vt.

62. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1913, 1915, 1919, 1923-24, 1927-29, 1931--. 12 vols.

Report of superintendent of schools to state department of education showing attendance by schools; questionnaire of information showing student progress, promotion record, health services, school tax, valuation and assessments, receipts and expenditures, list of students whose tuition outside town is paid by town; signatures of school directors and superintendent. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp. 11 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. In vault in town library.

63. (RECORD OF ORDERS), 1916--. 1 vol.

Date and number of order, name of payee, amount for: teacher's wages and board, director's services and expenses, repairs, furniture, water, fuel, lights, janitor, pupil's transportation and board, tuitions to other towns, supplies, appliances, text books, new buildings, sundries, insurance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 125 pp. 16 x 10 1/2 x 1/2. Residence of Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, school director.

64. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1931--. 12 vols.

Name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x 1/2. Residence of Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, school director.



## XI. ROAD COMMISSIONER

Eight highway surveyors, occasionally called path masters, were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1799 to serve a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From three to ten highway surveyors were elected annually for the years 1800-1886, 1891-92. In 1800, 1802, 1804-10, 1812-19, 1821-40, 1842 the highway surveyors acted as fence viewers. In 1887 and 1889-90 three street commissioners were elected and in 1888 six street commissioners were elected each to serve for a term of one year. At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893 the town elected one road commissioner to serve for a term of one year. Since that date one road commissioner has been elected annually to serve for a term of one year. For financial reports see entry 6-xii and xv.

## 65. LEDGER, 1902--. 1 vol.

Record of orders showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; auditor's signature and approval. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 370 pp. 14 x 9 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of D. C. Wilcox, road commissioner.

## 66. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1934--. 10 vols.

Name of payee; number, date, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of D. C. Wilcox, road commissioner.

## 67. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1899-1900, 1902-13, 1937. 1899-1900, 1902-6, 1908-9, 1912-13, 1937 in vols. 9, 11 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-xvi; 1907, 1911 in vol. 3 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-xv.

Record of sworn statement by selectmen as to length and type of highway, roads opened and discontinued during year, certification by selectmen, attest of notary public, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1907, 1922-- scattered dates, see entry 45-xvi.

## 68. (ROADS DISCONTINUED), 1845-1929. 1845-54 in vols. 1, 2 of Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, entry 4-xiv; 1849-1929 scattered dates, in vols. 4, 5, 9, 11 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-xv.

Petition for discontinuances showing location, request, date of petition, list of petitioners; and order of discontinuance showing statement of examination of petition and investigation by selectmen, grant of request of petitioners, date of order, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 69.

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Cemetery Commissioners

69. (HIGHWAY PETITIONS), 1913-29 scattered dates. 1 envelope. Petitions and orders for discontinuing highways showing information as in entry 68. No arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. 9 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In vault in town library.

70. (HIGHWAY MAPS), 1913, 1927-28. 4 sheets. Plans of existing and proposed highways and of land to be acquired for proposed road improvements. M. E. Carpenter, F. H. Dewart. Blueprints.  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 19 - 25 x 34. In vault in town library.

71. (MAP), 1931. 1 map. Map of Grand Isle showing state, state aid and town roads. Brooks. Blueprint. 1" : 1 mile.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11. On desk.

### XII. OVERSEER OF POOR

Two overseers of poor were elected at the annual town meeting held March 17, 1827 to serve for one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 235; see entry 4). The records show that the selectmen served as overseers of poor for the years 1811-12, 1815-16, 1821, 1826, 1878, and 1916 and it is reasonable to assume that in other years, when the records do not show that one or more overseers were elected, the selectmen served in this capacity. Two overseers were elected annually for the years 1828-40. For the years 1841 to date, with the exception of the years specified above, one overseer of poor was elected to serve for a term of one year. For financial reports see entry 6-ix.

72. (ACCOUNT BOOK), 1937--. 1 vol. Record of overseer's disbursements showing date, purpose and amount of disbursements. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/8. Residence of Asa Poquette, overseer of poor.

73. (RECORD OF ORDERS), 1938--. 1 vol. Name of payee, date, amount, and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 190 pp. 8 x  $5\frac{1}{4}$  x  $5\frac{1}{8}$ . Residence of Asa Poquette, overseer of poor.

74. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1936--. 3 vols. Name of payee, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Asa Poquette, overseer of poor.

### XIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

At the annual town meeting held March 5, 1878, five cemetery commissioners were elected to serve as follows: one for a term of

one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 157; see entry 4). From 1879 to date one commissioner has been elected annually to serve for a period of five years with the exception of the years 1884-85, 1887 when no election was shown. Occasionally it has been necessary to elect one or two additional commissioners during this period to replace commissioners who have resigned before their term had expired. For financial reports see entry 6-iv.

75. RECORD (of Meetings), 1903--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of cemetery commissioners showing place and date meeting was held, business transacted, election of a chairman and clerk, clerk's attest.

Also contains:

i. (Cemetery Accounts), entry 76.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 140 pp. 10 x 7-3/4 x 1. Residence of W. F. Parks, cemetery commissioner.

76. (CEMETERY ACCOUNTS), 1903--. In Record (of Meetings), entry 75-i.

Receipts and disbursements by cemetery commissioners: receipts show date of entry, name of payer, amount received; disbursements show date of entry, name of payee, purpose and amount of payment; annual certification of examination by auditors.

77. (RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS OF CEMETERY LOTS), 1903--.  
2 vols.

Receipt number, name(s) of purchaser(s), amount received, lot number, description of lot, date of receipt, signature of clerk of cemetery commissioner, date recorded, town clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 150 pp. 4 x 9 x 1. Shelf over desk.

78. (MAPS), 1897. 1 original and 3 copies.

Plan of addition to cemetery at Grand Isle Corners showing boundaries and lot numbering. Copy in possession of chairman of cemetery commissioners shows also names of purchasers of lots and whether or not lot is paid for. Original by H. K. Averill, Jr. Hand drawn. 10 x 15 - 22 x 30. Original and 1 copy, residence W. F. Parks, cemetery commissioner; 2 copies in vault in town library.

#### XIV. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected at the annual meeting held March 7, 1911 to serve terms of office as follows: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records,

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vol. 3, p. 128; see entry 4). From 1912 to date one trustee has been elected annually to serve for a term of five years. Occasionally it has been necessary to elect one or two additional trustees to replace trustees who have resigned before the expiration of their term of office. For reports see entry 6-vii.

79. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1912--. 1 vol.

Date and place meeting was held, business transacted, election of chairman and clerk, occasionally clerk's attest; list of new books added to library in the years 1913-16; and specifications for building library in 1926. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Grace Wilcox, library trustee.

80. (LIBRARY ACCOUNTS), 1911--. 1 vol.

Itemized list of receipts and disbursements: receipts show date of receipt, name of payer, amount received, total amount; disbursements show date of payment, name of payee, purpose and amount of payment; annual certification of examination of auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Grace Wilcox, library trustee.

## XV. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first recorded meeting March 1, 1799 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). Since that time one has been elected annually for a term of one year. This office keeps no records.

## XVI. CONSTABLE

Two constables were elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1799, to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). They were called first and second constables. First and second constables were elected in the years 1800-1802, 1804-47, 1850-53. In the years 1803, 1848-49, 1854 to date one constable only was elected. From 1799-1800 the first constable was collector of all taxes. From 1800 to date the constable has been collector of delinquent taxes only. This office keeps no records; for records kept by the constable as tax collector see entries 57-59.

## XVII. TOWN AGENT

The first town agent was elected March 1, 1843 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 314; see entry 4). Since

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Health; Fence Viewers;  
Poundkeepers.

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1843 an agent has been elected annually. This office keeps no records.

#### XVIII. GRAND JUROR

One grand juror was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1799, to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From one to three grand jurors have been elected annually since that time. This office keeps no records.

#### XIX. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint a health officer in each town (Laws, 1892, No. 82). The health officer with the selectmen of the town act as a board of health. For reports see entry 6-vi.

#### XX. FENCE VIEWERS

Three fence viewers were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 7, 1799 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From 1800 to 1842 highway surveyors acted as fence viewers except for the years 1801, 1803, 1811, 1820, 1841 when no record was found of the election of these officers. In 1842 the listers and in 1843 the selectmen served as fence viewers. Three fence viewers were elected annually for a term of one year for the years 1844-1906. The selectmen have appointed fence viewers for the years 1907 to date with the exception of the years 1908, 1910, 1913, 1921, 1923, 1925-29. This office keeps no records. For official acts as recorded by the town clerk see entry 13-v.

#### XXI. POUNDKEEPERS

At the annual meeting held March 7, 1799, one poundkeeper was elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). One poundkeeper was elected annually for the years 1800-1884, 1889. In the years 1887-88, 1891-93, 1900-1906 the town voted that each man's yard was a

Sealer of Weights and Measures; Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood; Tythingman;

pound and each man a poundkeeper. For the years 1907-8, 1911-12, 1916-18, 1920, 1930 to date, the selectmen appointed each land-owner a poundkeeper and each owner's yard a pound. For intermittent years as shown no record of the election or appointment of these officers was found. This office keeps no records.

## XXII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

At the annual meeting held March 7, 1799 one sealer of weights and measures was elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). This officer was elected annually for the years 1800-1875 with the exception of the years 1829 and 1874 when no record was found of the election. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1876.

## XXIII. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD

Two inspectors of lumber and shingles were elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1871 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 133; see entry 4). One officer was elected annually for the years 1872, 1874-75, 1878-83, 1886-90, 1892-1906. In the years 1907, 1909, 1911-12, 1916-18, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1930 to date the selectmen appointed one person as inspector of lumber, shingles and wood. In 1882 this office was combined with the office of inspector of wood and bark and the title became inspector of lumber, shingles and wood. For the intermittent years no record was found of the election or appointment of this officer. This office keeps no records.

## XXIV. TYTHINGMAN

At the first annual meeting held March 7, 1799, one tythingman was elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From 1800-1840 a tythingman was elected annually except in the year 1812 when no mention was made of the election of this officer. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1841.

Haywards; Inspector of  
Wood and Bark; Fire Warden;  
Manager of Funerals

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#### XXV. HAYWARDS

Six haywards, often called hog constables, were elected at the first annual meeting held March 7, 1799 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From 1800-1840 the number of haywards elected annually varied from three to seventeen. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1841.

#### XXVI. INSPECTOR OF WOOD AND BARK

One inspector of wood and bark was elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1869 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 133; see entry 4). One officer was elected annually from that time until 1881 except for the years 1876-77 when no mention was made of the election of this officer. In 1882 this office was combined with the office of inspector of lumber and shingles under the title of inspector of lumber, shingles and wood. This office kept no records.

#### XXVII. FIRE WARDEN

A fire warden was appointed by the selectmen at their meeting held March 9, 1931 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 3, p. 205; see entry 4). One fire warden was appointed annually for the years 1932-37. No record of the appointment of this officer for 1938 could be found. This office kept no records.

#### XXVIII. MANAGER OF FUNERALS

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1843 one person was elected to attend and manage funerals (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 315; see entry 4). This was the only record found.





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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### ISLE LA MOTTE

Isle La Motte is an island in Lake Champlain about six miles long and two miles wide.<sup>1</sup> It is situated eight miles from the Canadian border on the west arm of the lake. The Alburch peninsula lies a half-mile east and Crazy Landing in New York is one and one-half miles west.

Champlain completed his passage up the Richelieu River and on July 4, 1609, he passed in his canoe very near this island. He may have spent the night here. He reported that the islands, "Formerly had been inhabited by savages--- but they had been abandoned since they had been at war with one another".<sup>2</sup>

The Iroquois who inhabited the finger lakes region of New York State and the Algonquins who lived in Canada were for over two centuries continually at war with each other. The French government of Quebec supported its allies, the Algonquins, and as a result the settlements along the St. Lawrence were frequently attacked by the stronger Iroquois and the inhabitants massacred or taken prisoner.<sup>3</sup>

One of the prisoners was the famous Jesuit, Father Jogues. He was captured in August 1642, and taken to the Iroquois country. The first stop was at Isle La Motte where the priest was subjected to the usual torture.<sup>4</sup>

Lake Champlain was the natural and most frequented highway of travel for war parties of both sides and when in 1665 the French decided to protect themselves from their Indian enemies a series of forts was built on the Richelieu toward this lake.<sup>5</sup>

As a part of the military preparations M. de Repentigny, a captain, was sent to Isle La Motte to seek a favorable site for what was to be the most advanced French fortification toward the enemy country. Evidently Repentigny's report was favorable for when troops and money were available the French decided to build on Isle La Motte an outpost of their far flung North American Empire. Here in the summer of 1666 came Pierre de St. Paul,

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1. United States Geological Survey of 1893, edition of 1907, reprinted 1921.
  2. Champlain's Journals, translated by Annie Nettleton Bourne, New York, 1922, vol. 1, p. 205.
  3. Parkman's Works.
  4. The French Occupation of the Champlain Valley 1609 to 1759, by Guy Omeron Coolidge, Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society, September, 1938.
  5. The Conquest of New France, George M. Wrong, New Haven, 1918.

Sieur le Motte (or La Mothe), a captain of the famous French regiment of Carignan-Sallieres. With a few companies of these veterans fresh from Europe La Motte finished the fort in July 1666. It was the first white settlement in Vermont. The town was subsequently named after this French officer.<sup>6</sup>

The fort was dedicated to St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin, in whose honor a chapel was immediately erected. It was the first church building in Vermont.

About October first of the year 1666 there assembled at Fort St. Anne an expedition made up of six hundred soldiers of one of the finest military units of Europe, the Carignan-Sallieres regiment. These veterans had distinguished themselves in the War of the Fronde and had fought against the turks. Louis XIV had lately transferred them from far off Hungary to this outpost among the savages of uncivilized America.

The site of this fort is still visible on the north shore of the island. The fort was ninety-six feet in width and one hundred and forty-four feet in length. In front was a low beach upon which the boats could be drawn and in the rear sufficient level ground for a parade.

Across the lake on the New York shore were stationed six hundred ~~Canadians~~ and about one hundred Indians.

The expedition proceeded southward, succeeded in burning the villages of the Mohawks, and returned to Canada. About sixty men remained to spend the winter at the fort on Isle La Motte, When many of this garrison became ill with scurvy and a priest was requested, Father Dollier de Casson came down from Montreal on snowshoes. He celebrated mass and assisted at the burial of thirteen soldiers.<sup>7</sup>

In June 1668, Bishop Laval, the first Bishop of New France, journeyed to Fort St. Anne in a canoe. He gave confirmation. This is said to have been the first confirmation given within the present limits of the United States.

This fort was probably abandoned in 1670, as in that year La Motte was made governor of Montreal. Major Peter Schuyler visited Isle La Motte July 26, 1691. He reports that he found, "Fort La Motte several years deserted".

Situated as it is, Isle La Motte must have been an almost habitual stopping place for expeditions during the four French and Indian Wars. During the Revolutionary War we find Montgomery

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6. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1921, vol. 1, ch. 5.

7. ibid.

staying here on his advance to Montreal. And again as the dejected, tired, and sick American army camped at Isle Aux Noix on its retreat south along the Richelieu, General Sullivan wrote to Washington that, "I find myself under an absolute necessity for quitting this island for a place more healthy—I have therefore determined, with the unanimous voice of the officers, to remove to Isle La Motte, a place more healthy than this, where I have some hope we shall preserve the health of the few men we have".<sup>8</sup>

A great amount of provisions was stored here during the Revolutionary War and the island was in the midst of the Lake Champlain naval battles.

This island was first granted by the French Government April 10, 1733. The recipient of this first grant was Sieur Pean, major of the Town and Castle of Quebec,<sup>9</sup> but he did not fulfill his obligations and the island reverted to the King's domain. On June 18, 1753, the island was granted to Sieur Bedou and the next year attached to the seigniory of Sieur de Beavieu on the north. Later it became part of the lands held on the south by Sieur Robert, Kings Store Keeper of Montreal. After that the island became part of the lands of William Gilliland called Willsborough, "at Cumberland Head, a broad tract spreading through the present town of Boekmantown, Chazy, Isle La Motte and three shares in the Dean Purchase on Grand Isle, in Vermont".<sup>10</sup>

Such was the varied history of early attempts to grant and settle this island. All failed because the French and Indian Wars made this country unsafe.

In September 1766, there was an historic meeting on this island between representatives of the crown colonies of New York and Quebec. The forty-fifth parallel of latitude had for many years been called the boundary line between New France and the British colonies. After New France was ceded to England in 1763, the governors of New York and Quebec decided to establish the place where this line crossed Lake Champlain. Governor Sir Harry Moore, Professor Harper of the "College of New York", and General Philip Schuyler represented New York; Quebec was represented by Lieutenant Governor Irwin, surveyor general Collins, and Marquis de LaBonneer, an engineer. They took stellar and solar observations and erected a monument to mark the boundary.<sup>11</sup>

Isle La Motte was finally and permanently settled under a Vermont grant. October 26, 1779, the governor of Vermont granted

8. History of Vermont, Crockett, vol. 1, p. 525.
9. Documentary History of New York, E. B. O'Callaghan, Albany, 1849.
10. Pioneer History of the Champlain Valley, Winslow C. Watson, Albany N. Y., 1863, pp. 78-231.
11. History of Vermont, Crockett, vol. 2, p. 598.

the island to Benjamin Wait and ninety-five associates.<sup>12</sup> It is said that originally this island was to have been granted with Two Heroes but due to some mistake was granted separately. Colonel Wait was a native of Sudbury, Massachusetts, and had served in the Revolution.

After a warning which appeared in the Massachusetts Gazette, the first meeting of the proprietors was held June 12, 1783, at Eli Brownson's Inn at Sunderland, Vermont. This meeting was held in conjunction with a meeting of the proprietors of Two Heroes.<sup>13</sup> In September a meeting was held at the home of Colonel Ebenezer Allen in South Hero.

It is probable that the first settler on the island was William Blanchard, who came in 1788. The town was not organized until 1791, when on March 24 the first town meeting was held at the home of Nathaniel Wales. Abraham Knapp was elected first town clerk and the selectmen were Abraham Knapp, Nathaniel Wales and Ebenezer Hyde. Hyde had tried to have himself accepted by the state legislature as representative in 1788, but his credentials were "laid on the table."<sup>14</sup> In 1791, Nathaniel Wales was sent to the legislature. He paddled his own canoe as far as Burlington, it is said.

Rev. Ichabod Ebenezer Fisk, Yale 1770,<sup>15</sup> settled in town in 1778. He taught the first school and preached long before there was a regular church organization. A hard worked Methodist preacher whose itinerary stretched from a town in Connecticut to the Canadian border sometimes stopped in Isle La Motte. A regular Methodist church was organized in 1816 and a building erected in 1831. Town meetings were held in the vestry of this church until a town house was built in 1890. Today in Isle La Motte there are Roman Catholic, Congregational, and Methodist churches.

The town is divided into two school districts for elementary grades. A "Select School" was maintained about 1860, but there has never been a secondary school of any permanence. High school students go to other towns, usually Burlington.

A beautiful black marble is found on Isle La Motte and at one time was quarried in commercial quantities. This marble was used in the Victoria Bridge at Montreal and in the piers of the Brooklyn Bridge. The marble was shipped in scows to Flattsburg where it was sawed.

12. State Papers of Vermont, Vol. 2, Book of Charters, pp. 103-104.
13. The Vermont Gazette, Bennington, vol. 1, no. 5, July 3, 1783.
14. Vermont State Papers, vol. 3, part 4, p. 67.
15. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, 1871, Burlington, Vermont, vol. 2, p. 557.

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Isle La Motte

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Isle La Motte is almost flat and too small for water power developments. There has never been any manufacturing. Farming and fruit growing have always and do now make the livings of most of the townspeople.

It was thought at one time that the island location of Isle La Motte would make it an ideal place for the Vermont State Prison. Editorial and newspaper discussion demonstrated its suitability for such a use.<sup>16</sup>

Back in 1868, a Library Association was formed which was supported by the dues paid by the members. In 1898, the town elected five trustees and a little later a building was remodeled for the library association.<sup>17</sup> Now Isle La Motte is a member of the Grand Isle County Inter-Library Loan Association.

It was on this island on September 6, 1901, that Vice President Theodore Roosevelt heard of the assassination of McKinley. He attended the Fish and Game League's annual summer outing as a guest of Lieutenant Governor Fisk and had just finished his speech when the news came.

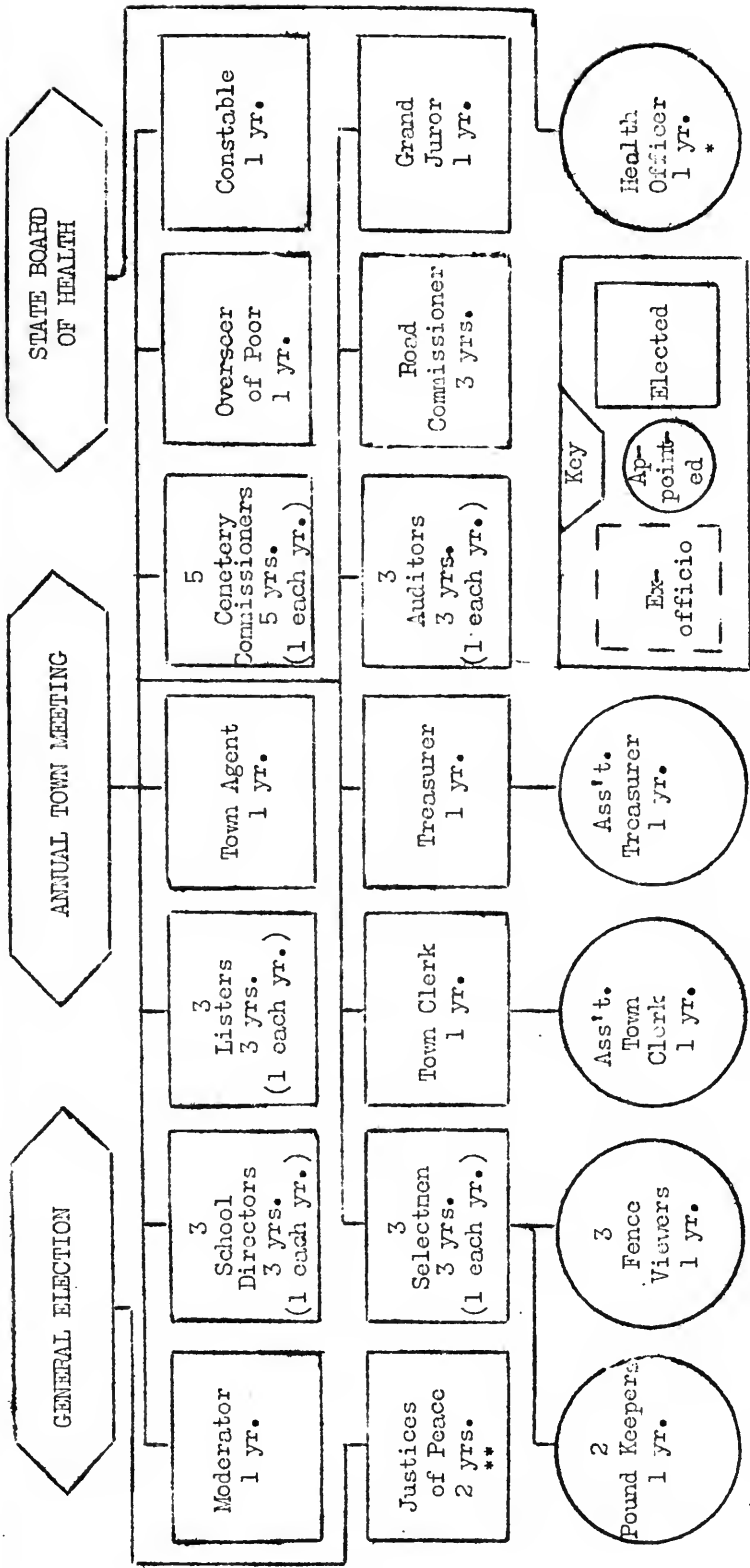
New York's claims to Isle La Motte placed it in the county of Charlotte. But after Vermont asserted its jurisdiction the town was successively in the counties of Bennington, Rutland, Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and finally Grand Isle County, which was formed on November 9, 1802.

Census returns show that the population of Isle La Motte has been as follows: 1800-135; 1830-459; 1850-476; 1860-564; 1870-497; 1890-551; 1910-510; 1920-365; 1930-352.

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16. Dartington Daily Free Press, September 23, 1848, (Ms: Index to Dartington Daily Free Press in process of completion by Historical Records Survey in conjunction with the University of Vermont.)
  17. Second Biennial Report of the Board of Library Commissioners of Vermont, p. 63.



DIAGRAM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT OF ISLE LA MOTTE 1938



\* Health officer is town officer, only as member of Board of Health.  
 Justices are town officers only as members of Board for Abatement of Taxes and Board of Civil Authority.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**-----**  
**Selectmen**  
**Health Officer**

BOARD OF CIVIL  
AUTHORITY  
-----  
Selectmen  
Clerk  
Justices

BOARD FOR ABATEMENT  
OF TAXES

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Selectmen - Clerk -  
Listers - Treasurer-  
Justices

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## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the records in the inventory of the town of Isle La Motte except the records of the cemetery commissioners, overseer of poor, road commissioner, selectmen and school directors are kept at the office in the residence of the town clerk, Mr. John E. Montgomery. Unless otherwise specified all the records are located in a safe in a shed at the rear of the house adjacent to the kitchen.

The building is a two-story wooden structure, built in 1912. It is in no way fireproof and in case of fire the records would likely suffer severe damage. The residence is located about one half mile south of Isle La Motte four corners.

The records are available for inspection at all reasonable hours. There is actually no office, rooms in the town clerk's residence furnish adequate accomodation to anyone wishing to use the records.

Since Mrs. Jennie C. Montgomery is the treasurer the treasurers' records are found in the clerk's office. The records of cemetery commissioners, overseer of poor, road commissioner, selectmen and school directors are located at their respective residences as noted in the inventory. Some of the school records are located at the residence of the superintendent of schools.



TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). Since that time a clerk has been elected annually for a term of one year. In 1843 and from 1901 to the present time an assistant town clerk has been appointed by the town clerk. For financial reports see entry 6-xix.

Governmental

1. (CHARTER), 1799. 1 sheet. Copy in vol. 2, pp. 103-104 of State Papers of Vermont, Vermont Charters, published by authority, Bellows Falls, Vt., P. H. Gobie Press, Inc., 1922; also copy in vol. for 1934 of Annual Report of the Town Officers, entry 6-iv.

Original charter of Isle of Mott issued by the Governor of Vermont to named proprietors, defining boundaries, setting off public lands, conditions of grant, signatures of governor and secretary, certification of recording in Book of Charters by general surveyor. Hdw. Condition fair. 27 x 19.

2. (PROPRIETORS' MEETINGS), 1784-86. In vol. 4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-viii.

Advertisements, warnings and minutes of proprietors' meetings: advertisements show date of meeting and names of newspapers in which advertised; warnings show date and place meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, date of warning, name and address of signer-clerk; minutes show place and date meeting held, election of officers, action taken by proprietors on articles of warning and other business transacted, attest of proprietors' clerk, occasionally attest of moderator; meeting November, 1785, contains a list of the proprietors giving their lot numbers; certification; date copied; town clerk's attest.

3. (TOWN PLAT), 1786, 1903. 1 original and 2 copies. Plan of lotting showing boundaries, numbering and division of lots. Original, 1786, by John Clark; copies, 1903, by F. H. Dewart, St. Albans, Vt. Original, hand drawn; copies, blueprints. 1":20 chains. Original, condition poor. 17 x 27 - 17 x 23-3/4.

4. TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), 1787---. 5 vols. (1-5). Title varies: no title, 1791-1852, 1860--, vols. 2, 4, 5.

Warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1791--: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, name of signers-selectmen; minutes show date and place

meeting held, election of officers, action taken on articles of warning and other town affairs; date recorded; clerk's attest. For original papers of minutes of meetings, 1808-60 scattered dates, see entry 41-xxv; for related warning records see entry 6-xxii.

Also contains:

- i. A Book of Records of (Err) Marks for the Isle of Mott, 1791-1852 scattered dates, entry 25.
- ii. (Articles of Association), 1904, 1909--, entry 15.
- iii. (Births, Family Records), 1795-1863 scattered dates, entry 26.
- iv. Board of civil authority meetings, 1920, showing date and purpose of meeting, business transacted, clerk's attest; vol. 5.
- v. (Death Records), 1810-23 scattered dates, entry 28.
- vi. Division of ministerial monies, 1873-95, showing year, names of churches, amount allotted each, instructions to town treasurer, date of division, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 4. For reports see entry 6-x.
- vii. Division of school district monies, 1858-93, showing year, school district number, amount allotted to each district, instructions to town treasurer, date of division, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4.
- viii. Estray, 1852, showing place and date estray found; description of animal; request to prove property, pay charges and remove; name of finder; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- ix. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1845, entry 76.
- x. (Freemen's Meetings), 1794--, entry 5.
- xi. Grand list, summary of, 1821, showing year, number of acres and valuation of improved lands, number and valuation of houses and other buildings, and rate of assessment, lister's certificate, names of signers-listers, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2. For related records see entries 41-xiii and xiv, 48.
- xii. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1787-98, entry 17.
- xiii. Licenses, liquor and victualing, 1851, 1903, showing name of grantee; conditions, regulations, date and term of license; names of signers-commissioners; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 3, 5. For related liquor records see entry 40.
- xiv. (Lien Notes), 1879, entry 20.
- xv. (List of Freemen), 1791-95, 1798, 1802--, entry 7.
- xvi. List of persons taking freemen's oaths, 1802--; vols. 2-5.
- xvii. (Marriage Records), 1792-1864, entry 27.
- xviii. Minor's certificate of independence, 1871, showing minor's name, father's declaration of grant of independence, date of certificate, name of signer-father, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 4.

- xix. Naturalization, certification of, 1844-60 scattered dates, showing place and date naturalized, name and address of person being naturalized, oath, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 3, 4.
- xx. (Officers' Appointments), 1842--, entry 9.
- xxi. (Officers' Oaths), 1791--, entry 10.
- xxii. Pole line permits, 1911, 1927, showing names of parties, recital of authority, location, grant, date of permit, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 5.
- xxiii. Record (School District Meetings), 1809-11, 1842, entry 64.
- xxiv. (Roads Discontinued), 1872-- scattered dates, entry 69.
- xxv. (Road Mileages), 1900--, entry 70.
- xxvi. (Road Surveys and Layouts), 1794--, entry 68.
- xxvii. School census and reports, 1816-59, showing school district number, year, number of scholars, attest of district clerk, date recorded and attest of town clerk; after 1821 adds age limits; after 1823 adds certificate of number of weeks of school held during year, names of heads of families, number of children of each family; after 1837 adds whether male or female teacher; after 1844 adds amount of teachers' wages paid, receipts of public money, names of children of each family; after 1848 adds amount paid for teachers' board and fuel; vols. 2, 3. For related records see entries 41-xxi, 60.
- xxviii. Statement of scrupulousness against bearing arms, 1820, showing name of person taking oath, date and declaration of oath, names of signers-justices of peace, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxix. Survey of a town plot, 1806, showing date of survey, number of acres, description of boundaries, names of signers-surveyors and selectmen, date received for record, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxx. Teachers' licenses, 1846-69 scattered dates, showing place and date issued, name and qualifications of teacher, term of license, name of signer-superintendent, date recorded, clerk's attest; after 1859 omits statement of qualifications; vols. 3, 4.
- xxxi. Town Officer's Bonds, 1853-59, entry 11.
- xxxii. Universalist Society, establishment of, 1837, showing declaration of association, purpose, recital of authority, date of establishment, names of signers-subscribers, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxxiii. Warnings to leave town, 1811-13, showing officer's instructions, name(s) of person(s) warned, place and date of warning, names of signers-selectmen; and officer's return showing place, date and description of service of warrant; attest of serving officer; accounting of fees; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 2.

Chron. entry. No index; incomplete table of contents, 1791-1840, 1860-- , vols. 2, 4, 5. Hdw. Vols. 1-3, 1787-1864, condition poor. 32-574 pp. 12 x 7-3/4 x 3/8 - 15 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 2.

5. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1794-- . 1794-- in vols. 1-5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-x; 1794-95, 1798 also in A Book of Records of (Ear) Marks for Isle of Mott, entry 25-i.

Warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings show place and time meeting to be held, list of offices to be voted on, name of signer-warning officer; minutes show date and place meeting held, list of candidates and tabulation of votes, date recorded, attest of clerk; occasionally attest of first constable or moderator. Records in entry 25-i have been copied into record in entry 4-x.

For related records see entry 41-i, vii and xvii.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS, 1913-- . 26 vols. and duplicate set. Also duplicates for 1916, 1918-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Annual Report of the Officers, 1913-16, 1920-26, 1929-37, 20 vols.; Town Report, 1917-19, 3 vols.

Contains:

- i. Auditors' recapitulation of receipts, disbursements and balances. For original papers, 1910, see entry 41-iii.
- ii. Births, report of, 1922-- , showing date of birth, name of child, names of parents; 1934-- adds sex of child. For birth records see entry 26.
- iii. Cemetery commissioners' reports, 1924-- , showing itemized list of receipts and disbursements and balance on hand, name of chairman or treasurer of commission; 1930, 1932, 1937-- adds amount of trust fund received.
- iv. (Charter), copy of, entry 1.
- v. Deaths, report of, 1927-- , showing date of death; name, age and sex of deceased. For death records see entry 28.
- vi. Grand list, report of, 1934-- , showing amount of grand list for the year.
- vii. Health officer's report, 1914-16, 1918-19, 1922-23, 1934-- : 1914-16, 1918-19 show itemized list of disbursements for services of health officer and supplies; 1922-23 shows kind and number of communicable diseases, general statement regarding examination of school children and school buildings, recommendations; 1934-- shows only a general report, recommendations; all reports show name of health officer.
- viii. Historical notes of town, 1934-36: 1934 shows notes relating to charter; 1935 shows notes from Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer; 1936 shows general notes on early history.

- ix. Marriages, report of, 1928-35, 1937--, showing date of marriage and names of bride and groom. For marriage records see entry 27.
- x. Ministerial money reports, 1914-20, showing receipts of rent from ministerial lots and divisions of money between churches. For records see entry 4-vi.
- xi. Old age assistance reports, 1937--, showing general statement of money received by applicants in the town.
- xii. Overseer of poor reports, 1913-17, 1919, 1921-23, 1925, 1927-29, 1931--, list of orders drawn, total amount drawn for year, occasionally name of overseer; 1915-17, 1919, show expenditures instead of detailed list of orders.
- xiii. Road commissioner reports showing list of orders drawn for highway expense, total expenditures for year, occasionally name of road commissioner; 1916-- adds state highway account; 1919-- adds summary of receipts.
- xiv. School directors' reports showing list of orders drawn for school expense, occasionally names of school directors; 1918-- adds summary of receipts; 1934-- adds summary of disbursements, proposed tax rate, recommendations.
- xv. Selectmen's reports showing list of orders drawn for general town expense, total amount drawn for year, occasionally names of selectmen; 1918-- adds summary of receipts and balance if any; 1935-- adds general summary of report and recommendations.
- xvi. Table of expenditures, 1935-36, covering 1930-34 and 1931-35 respectively showing grand total, total for each year, and yearly total for each expense as: highways, schools, town, poor, snow, patrol, loans for 1933-35, bridge, state and county, ministerial, new school for 1930, 1931, Alburgh west shore road for 1935; grand total of each account for the five year period.
- xvii. Tax rate, 1934--, showing total rate and division of tax.
- xviii. Toll bridge accounts, 1922--, showing receipts, disbursements and balances for year; 1925-34, 1937-- adds list of orders.
- xix. Town clerk's reports, 1916, 1918-19, showing itemized list of receipts and disbursements, name of town clerk.
- xx. Town officers, list of, 1921--, showing name of office and incumbent(s).
- xxi. Treasurer's reports showing receipts and disbursements of accounts under headings: general, school, highway, bridge, balance in treasury; occasionally name of treasurer.
- xxii. Warnings for annual meetings, 1923--, showing place, date and time meeting to be held; list of articles to be acted on; date of warning; names of selectmen. For related records see entry 4.

No arr. No index; table of contents, 1931-- , 5 vols. Printed. Aver. 20 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8.

7. (LIST OF FREEMEN), 1791-95, 1798, 1802-- . 1791-95, 1798, 1802-- in vols. 2-5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xv; 1791-95, 1798 also in A Book of Records of (Ear) Marks for the Isle of Mott, entry 25-ii.

List of freemen who voted in town of freemen's meetings. Records in entry 25-ii have been copied into record in entry 4-xv.

8. (CHECK LIST OF VOTERS), 1906-- scattered dates. 1 bundle.

Alphabetical list of voters entered under the first letter of surname together with check mark indicating casting of ballot, year, date of filing, clerk's attest. No index. Hdw. 9 x 5 x 3.

9. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1842-- . In vols. 3-5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xx.

Name of office and appointee, date of appointment, name(s) of signer(s)-appointing officer(s), date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally includes certification of taking oath of office.

For original appointments, 1855-1911, see entry 4l-xv.

10. (OFFICERS' OATHS), 1791-- . In vols. 1-5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxi.

Name of office and officer, statement of taking or copy of oath, name of signer-officer, date oath was taken, name of signer-administering official, date recorded, clerk's attest. In earlier records the statement "sworn" noted with recording of the election of the officer or a list of officers having taken oath was used in lieu of recording of full oath.

For original oaths, 1903-15, see entry 4l-xvi.

11. TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS, 1901-11. 1 vol. 1853-59 in vols. 3, 4 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxi.

Record of officer's bonds showing name of person bonded; name(s) of surety; amount, date, and conditions of bond; name of office bonded for; names of signers-principal, surety and witnesses; date recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. (17 pp. used) 14 x 8 1/2 x 1/2.

For original bonds, 1848, 1874, 1900-1911 scattered dates, see entry 12.

12. (TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS), 1848, 1874, 1900-1911 scattered dates. 1 bundle.

Original bonds showing information as in entry 11. With the exception of years 1848, 1874, 1900, bonds have been recorded in volume in entry 11. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and Hdw. on printed forms. 8 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 3/4.

Property Titles

13. LAND (and Miscellaneous) Records, 1788--. 10 vols. (1-10). Title varies: Second Book of Records Vineyard, 1798-1812, vol. 2; Town Records, 1853-68, vol. 4; no title, 1788-99, 1813-53, vols. 1, 3.

Land records: deeds, mortgages, assignments, indentures, wills, leases, and other instruments affecting real estate showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, conditions and date of instrument, recital of title, names of principal(s) and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally showing marginal notation of discharge of instrument.

Also contains:

- i. (Articles of Association), 1894, entry 15.
- ii. (Attachments), 1792-1857 scattered dates, entry 18.
- iii. (Bills of Sale), 1806, 1844, 1857, 1868, entry 22.
- iv. (Cemetery Trust Funds), 1926-29, 1931, 1936-37, entry 75.
- v. (Executions), 1791, 1813-- scattered dates, entry 19.
- vi. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1855, 1875, 1901, 1914, entry 76.
- vii. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1794-1812 scattered dates, entry 17.
- viii. (Proprietors' Meetings), 1784-86, entry 2.
- ix. (Real Estate Transfers), 1842-57, entry 16.
- x. (Survey of Isle La Motte, 1786, showing description of boundaries or shoreline in degrees, minutes, chains and links; number of acres contained in island; date of survey; attest of surveyor; vol. 1.

Chron. entry. Vols. 1, 5-8, 1788-99, 1868-1921, no index in vol., vols. 2-4, 1798-1868, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor for land records; vols. 9, 10, 1921--, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records; no index to miscellaneous items; also separate index, 1788--, see entry 14. Vols. 1-5, 8-10, 1788-1880, 1897--, hdw.; vols. 6, 7, 1880-1911, hdw., some on printed forms. Vol. 1, 1788-99, condition very poor. 114-666 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 9 x 1 -  $16\frac{1}{4}$  x  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

14. GENERAL INDEX, ISLE LA MOTTE, LAND RECORDS, 1788--. 1 vol.

Index to land records and a portion of the miscellaneous items in entry 13 showing names of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor, type of contents, volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records; entered alph. by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Hdw. under printed headings. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x  $2\frac{1}{4}$ .

15. (ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION), 1894, 1904, 1909--. 1894 in vol. 7 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-i; 1904, 1909-- in vol. 5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-ii.

Record of articles of association showing name, purpose and conditions of association; date of petition; names and addresses of subscribers; date of filing; certification and name of signer-secretary; date recorded; clerk's attest.

16. (REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS), 1917--. 1 vol. 1842-57 in vols. 3, 4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-ix.

List of real estate transfers showing names of grantors and grantee, brief description of property, amount of property transferred. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 11 x 9 x 5/8.

17. (LAND TAXES AND VENDUES), 1787-1812. 1787-98 in vol. 1 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-iii; 1794-1812 scattered dates in vols. 1, 2 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-vii.

Record of land taxes and sale of land for taxes showing collector's warning, lot number, location and amount of land sold, owner's name, purchaser's name, amount of taxes and costs, date of sale, collector's attest, date recorded, clerk's attest.

18. (ATTACHMENTS), 1830-69, 1905-10. 1 vol. 1792-1857 scattered dates in vols. 1-4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-ii.

Record of writs of attachment on real estate and personal property, 1905-10, showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-issuing officer, recognition of surety for cost of prosecution, amount of bond, attest of court; abstracts of the above attachments showing type of attachment, names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, date of writ, amount of damages usually recorded in lieu of full attachment: officer's return of service of writ showing name of defendant, date and place of service, description of property attached, date and place filed, name of signer-serving officer, time and date recorded. For original writs, 1900--, see entry 41-ii.

Also contains:

- i. (Marriages), 1830-69, entry 27.

Chron. entry. No index to attachments; chron. list of marriages in front of vol. showing name of groom and bride and page reference; also separate index to marriages see entry 33. Hdw. 434 pp. 12½ x 8½ x 1½.

19. (EXECUTIONS), 1791, 1813-- scattered dates. In vols. 1, 3-10 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-v.

Record of writs of execution showing date and type of execution, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment and costs,



recital of authority, officer's instructions, name of signer-court; officer's returns of service of writ of execution showing name of defendant, date of service, demand, description of property levied on and sold, proceeds, accounting of damages and costs, name of signer-serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For original writs, 1900--, see entry 41-xii.

20. (LIEN NOTES), 1879, 1883--. 1979 in vol. 4 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xiv; 1888-- in vols. 1, 2 of Chattel Mortgage Records, entry 24-iv.

Record of lien notes showing names of principals, amount and date of note, terms of payment, description of property, names of signers-maker and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

21. (CONDITIONAL SALE CONTRACTS), 1868--. In vols. 1, 2 of Chattel Mortgage Records, entry 24-iii.

Record of conditional sale contracts showing names of vendor and vendee; date, conditions and amount of sale; terms of payment; description of property; names of signers-vendee and witnesses; date recorded; clerk's attest; occasionally followed by discharge showing date of discharge, name of signer-vendor, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1930-35, see entry 41-ix.

22. (BILLS OF SALE), 1806, 1844, 1857, 1868, 1920-37. 1806, 1844, 1857, 1868 in vols. 3-4 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-iii, 1920-37 scattered dates in vols. 1, 2 of Chattel Mortgage Records, entry 24-ii.

Record of bills of sale showing names of vendor and vendee, description of property, date of sale, names of signers-vendor and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1849-1929 scattered dates, see entry 41-iv.

23. (ASSIGNMENTS), 1879--. In vols. 1, 2 of Chattel Mortgage Records, entry 24-i.

Record of assignments showing names of assignor and assignee, date of assignment, consideration, reference to mortgage, names of signers-assignor and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

24. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1879--. 2 vols. (1, 3).

Name of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of mortgage, names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgment and affidavit of both parties, date recorded, clerk's attest; usually followed by discharge showing name of mortgagor, date of discharge, name of signer-mortgagee, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1926, see entry 41-viii.

Also contains:

- i. (Assignments), entry 23.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1920-37 scattered dates, entry 22.
- iii. (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1888--, entry 21.
- iv. (Lien Notes), 1888--, entry 20.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for chattel mortgages and lien notes; assignor-assignee, assignee-assignor for assignments; vendee-vendor, vendor-vendee for conditional sale contracts; vendor-vendee for bills of sale. Vol. 1, 1879-1930, hdw., some on printed forms; vol. 2, 1923--<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, hdw., some printed forms pasted in. Aver. 480 pp. 16 x 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

25. A BOOK OF RECORDS OF (Ear) MARKS FOR THE ISLE OF MOTT, 1791-1806, 1 vol. 1791-1852 scattered dates in vol. 2 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-i.

Earmarks of cattle and sheep showing date, name of owner, description of mark, and occasionally after 1806 to whom transferred. Records in this volume have been copied into record in entry 4-i. Also contains:

- i. (Freemen's Meetings), 1794-95, 1798, entry 5.
- ii. (List of Freemen), 1791-95, 1798, entry 7.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 16 pp. 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 4 x 1/8.

#### Vital Statistics

26. (BIRTHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1776-1869. 1776-1869 scattered dates in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 29-i; 1795-1863 scattered dates also in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records). entry 4-iii.

Name of family head, name of child, date of birth, date recorded, clerk's attest. Records in entry 4-iii have been partially copied into record in entry 29-i.

For subsequent related records, 1869-1932, see entries 29-ii, 30; for birth certificates see entry 31; for birth reports see entry 6-ii.

27. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1792-1869. 1792-1864 in vols. 1-3 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xvii; 1814-69 scattered dates in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 29-v; 1830-69 also in (Attachments), entry 18-i.

Record of marriages showing name and address of groom and bride, date and place of marriage, declaration of marriage by performing official, date recorded, clerk's attest. Records in entry 4-xvii have been partially copied into record in entry 29-v.

For subsequent related records, 1869-96, see entry 29-vi; for marriage certificates see entry 32; for marriage reports see entry 6-ix.

28. (DEATH RECORDS), 1810-23, 1837-69. 1810-23 scattered dates in vol. 2 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-v; 1837-69 scattered dates in Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths, entry 29-iii.

Record of deaths showing name of deceased, date of death, date recorded, clerk's attest. Records in entry 4-v have been partially copied into record in entry 29-iii.

For subsequent related records, 1869-1932, see entries 29-iv, 34; for death certificates see entry 36; for death reports see entry 6-v.

29. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1776-1896. 1 vol. Missing, marriages for 1897-1906.

Contains:

- i. (Births, Family Records), 1776-1869 scattered dates, entry 26.
- ii. Births, 1869-96, show name, sex, condition, date and place of birth of child; residence and birthplace of parents; occupation of father. For prior related records, 1776-1869, see entry 26.
- iii. (Death Records), 1837-69 scattered dates, entry 28.
- iv. Deaths, 1869-96, show name, age, place of birth, sex and condition of child; date and place of death; disease or cause of death; names of parents; occupation of male if over 15 years of age. For prior related records, 1810-23, 1837-69, see entry 28.
- v. (Marriages), 1814-69 scattered dates, entry 27.
- vi. Marriages, 1869-96, show date of marriage, names, residences, ages, and birthplaces of groom and bride; occupation of groom; name and title of officiating person. For prior related records, 1792-1869, see entry 27.

Chron. entry. Separate index to births and deaths, 1869-96, see entry 35; to marriages, 1869-96, see entry 33; no index to records prior to 1869. Hdw. on printed forms. 200 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 1.

30. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897-1932. 1 vol. System discontinued 1932.

Showing information as in entry 29-ii adding date recorded, race or color, name of medical attendant and omitting condition. Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 35. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1776-1869, see entry 26.

31. BIRTHS, 1901--. 2 bundles, 1 vol. Title varies: no title, 1901-9, 1933--. 2 bundles. System estab. 1901.

Original certificates showing date and place of birth; name, sex and race or color of child; name, age, residence and birthplace of parents; occupation of father; number of child of mother; condition as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; signature and residence of physician or informant; date received; 1918-- adds

information as to multiple births and number of children living; occupation of mother; certification and address of attending physician or mid-wife. 1929-- adds detailed information regarding occupation of parents, whether or not child was premature or full term; period of gestation if stillborn. Arr. chron. No index, 1901-9, 1933--; vol., 1910-32, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of child, also shows father's name. Hdw. on printed forms. Bundles, 1901-9, 1933--; aver.  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ ; vol., 1910-32, 152 certificates  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1$ .

For birth records see entry 23.

32. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1907--. 2 bundles, 1 vol.  
System estab. 1907.

Original certificates showing place and date of application; name, residence, color, occupation, number of marriage, divorced status, birthplace and age of bride and groom; maiden name of bride if widowed or divorced; name and birthplace of parents; signature of bride or groom; clerk's certification of application; certification of marriage by performing official; date filed and clerk's attest. 1909-- adds oath of groom or bride to truth of statements in application. Arr. chron. No index, 1907-3, 1933--; separate index, 1909-32, see entry 33. Hdw. on printed forms. Bundles, 1907-32 scattered dates, 1933--;  $12 \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  -  $7-3/4 \times 8 \times 3/4$ ; vol., 1909-32, 100 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 3/4$ .

For marriage records see entry 27.

33. INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1830-1932. 1 vol.

Index serving marriages in entries 18-i, 29-vi, 32 showing names of groom-bride, bride-groom, volume and page reference, date of marriage. Also gives reference to a volume 3 which is missing. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8-7/8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

34. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897-1932. 1 vol.

Showing information as in entry 29-iv adding race or color, marital status, and name of medical attendant. Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 35. Hdw. on printed forms. 84 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1810-23, 1837-69, see entry 28.

35. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, 1869-1932. 1 vol.

Serving entries 29-ii and iv, 30, 34 showing name of child or deceased, volume and page reference and date of birth or death. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child or deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8-7/8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

36. (DEATH CERTIFICATES), 1901--. 2 bundles. System estab. 1901.

Original certificates showing date and place of death; name, age, sex, condition, occupation if male over 15 years of age, race or color, marital status and date of birth of deceased; name of

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spouse if married; name and birthplace of parents; disease or cause of death; place and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; medical certificate of principal and contributing causes of death and duration of illness; signature of physician and/or health officer and/or name and address of informant; date filed. 1931-- adds death from external cause or violence with date and place, manner and nature of injury and statement of physician as to whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 7-3/4 x 8 x 2.

For death records see entry 28.

37. (PERMITS FOR BURIAL, ENTOMBMENT OR REMOVAL), 1900--.  
2 bundles. System estab. 1900.

Original permits showing name of person to whom issued, place issued, date and cause of death, name and age of deceased, name of medical attendant, place and date of burial or proposed removal, name and address of undertaker; certification by undertaker of delivery to sexton or cemetery keeper showing date of certification, statement of disposition of body, signature of sexton or keeper. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 8 1/4 x 8 1/2 x 1.

38. CEMETERY (Gravestone Inscription) RECORDS, 1826-69.  
1 vol.

Inscriptions taken from gravestones showing name, age, date of death and usually date of birth of deceased; name of spouse or parents if ascertainable; name of cemetery; occasional remarks; clerk's attest. Entered and indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 98 pp. 12 x 8 1/4 x 1 1/2.

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39. (DOG LICENSES), 1934--. 1 vol.

Carbon copies showing license number, owner's name, description and name of dog, fee, date issued, period of license, clerk's signature. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 75 pp. 15 x 7 x 3/4.

40. (LIQUOR LICENSES), 1935--. 1 envelope.

Applications for liquor licenses showing date of last license if any, date and place of birth or citizenship of applicant, period of residence, premises where liquor is to be sold, signatures of applicant and witness, approval and signature of selectmen and approval stamp of state board of health and liquor control board. Copy of licenses showing type, description of premises, date granted, signatures of control commissioners-selectmen. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 9 1/4 x 14 1/2.

For related records see entry 4-xiii.

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Miscellaneous Records

41. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1793--. 12 pigeonholes, 3 drawers.

Original unbound papers which have been filed in clerk's office:

- i. Assent of candidate, 1930-34, showing party affiliation, name of officer, date of election, name and residence of candidate, date of filing, clerk's attest. For related records see entries 5, 41-vii and xvii.
- ii. Attachments, 1900--, county, municipal justice, court writs, showing information as in entry 18.
- iii. Auditors' reports, 1910, showing monies for bridge, highway, town and school funds. For related records see entry 6-i.
- iv. Bills of sale, 1849-1929 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 22.
- v. Binding out of paupers, 1816-17, 1852, 1854, showing name of person bound out, person to whom bound, term, conditions, signature of overseer of poor.
- vi. Census, 1930, showing name of town, number of inhabitants, number of farms, signature of supervisor.
- vii. Certificates of votes for county, state, and national elections, 1804--, showing date of meeting, office, lists of candidates, tabulation of votes, attest of presiding officer and town clerk. For related records see entries 5, 41-i and xvii.
- viii. Chattel mortgages, 1926, showing information as in entry 24.
- ix. Conditional sales, 1930-35, showing information as in entry 21.
- x. Contracts, 1850-1934 scattered dates, showing date of contract, articles of agreement, signatures of contracting parties.
- xi. Correspondence, 1900-- scattered dates, general mail from companies and individuals to holder of town clerk's office.
- xii. Executions, 1900--, county, municipal, justice court writs, showing information as in entry 19.
- xiii. Grand lists, 1793-1826: 1793-97, 1799-1816, show year, name of owner, amount of list, total grand list, signatures of listers. 1798, 1817-26 show year; number and amount of polls; number of acres of improved lands; number of oxen, cows and horses; total valuation of each; number and valuation of houses; total grand list for years; number of exempt militia polls; signatures of listers; occasionally attest of town clerk. For related records see entries 4-xi, 41-xiv, 48.
- xiv. Grand list and quadrennial appraisal summaries, 1922, 1929-30, 1933: abstract of grand lists show year, total appraisal valuation of tangible and

intangible property, one percent valuation, valuation of polls, total grand list, lister's certificate, certification of town clerk; quadrennial appraisals show year, total valuation of taxable real estate, total valuation of all sequestered lands, listers' certificate, certification of town clerk. For related records see entries 4-xi, 4l-xiii, 47, 48.

- xv. Officers' appointments, 1855-1911, showing information as in entry 9.
- xvi. Officers' oaths, 1903-15, showing information as in entry 10.
- xvii. Primary petitions, 1906-- scattered dates, showing date of petition, name and residence of candidate, qualifications, party affiliation, name of office to be filled, signatures of petitioners, petitioner's affidavit, date filed, clerk's attest. For related records see entries 5, 4l-i and vii.
- xviii. Registration of business, 1937, showing name of owner; date of establishment; title, location and kind of business; name of signer-owner; owner's affidavit; date filed; clerk's attest.
- xix. Return by county clerk of jurors drawn, 1910-- scattered dates, showing names of jurors, name of county and town, term of court, date of return, signature of county clerk.
- xx. Road mileages, 1893-- scattered dates, showing information as in entry 70.
- xxi. School census, 1871-1913 scattered dates, showing names and addresses of parents; name, sex, and age of pupil; attest of clerk of school board or school district; occasionally attest of town clerk. For related records see entries 4-xxvii, 60.
- xxii. Statement of candidates' expenses, 1916-- scattered dates, showing office, certification, party affiliation, date, amount, signature and residence of candidate, date and attest of notary public, date filed, clerk's attest.
- xxiii. Stockholders' exemptions, 1915-19 scattered dates, showing list of persons owning tax exempt stock, name of stocks and valuation, receipt from state.
- xxiv. Taxes assessed, 1917--, report to state showing year, town, classification of taxes, grand list, rate, amount assessed, division of tax, number of polls, date of report, signature of clerk.
- xxv. Town meeting minutes, 1808-60 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 4.

No arr. No index. Hdw. and typed, some printed forms. Pigeon-holes, 15 x 15 x 4; drawers, 4 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 15.

## II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). The procedure of electing each selectman to serve for a term of one year was followed until 1909 when the town elected one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 114; see entry 4). Since that time there has been one selectman elected annually for a term of three years. In addition to their general duties, the selectmen acted as overseers of the poor for the years 1844, 1852-93, 1898-99, 1905, 1927-32. They also acted as a committee to settle with treasurer in 1801-2, 1807. The selectmen acted as trustee of public money in 1904. The selectmen keep no record of their meetings. For financial reports see entry 6-xv.

### 42. RECORD OF ORDERS (Town Accounts), 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn against town account showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; certification of examination by auditors.

Also contains:

i. Record of Orders, Bridge Account, 1916-21, entry 43.

ii. Record of Orders, Snow Accounts, 1916-30, entry 44.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 12 x 10 x 3/4. Residence of L. C. Kellis, selectman.

### 43. RECORD OF ORDERS, BRIDGE ACCOUNT, 1921--. 1 vol. 1916-21 in Record of Orders (Town Accounts), entry 42-i.

Record of orders drawn against bridge account showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; certification of examination by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 11 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. Residence of L. C. Kellis, selectman.

### 44. RECORD OF ORDERS, SNOW ACCOUNTS, 1930--. 1 vol. 1916-30 in Record of Orders (Town Accounts), entry 42-ii.

Record of orders drawn against snow account showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; certification of examination by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 11 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. Residence of L. C. Kellis, selectman.

### 45. BRIDGE (Order Book Stubs), 1936--. 1 vol.

Order book stubs charged to bridge account showing number, date, name of payee, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x 1/2. Residence of L. C. Kellis, selectman.



### III. LISTERS

Three listers were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 24, 1791 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From that time until 1908 the procedure of electing the listers for a one year term was followed. The number of listers elected during this period varied from one to five. In 1909 three listers were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 115; see entry 4). Since 1910 one lister has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years. For reports see entry 6-vi.

#### 46. TAX INVENTORIES, 1935--. 1 pigeonhole.

Name and address of taxpayer, itemized list and summary of taxable real and personal property including livestock and furniture offsets, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signature of lister and date of receipt. Arr. alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 15 x 10 x 13.

#### 47. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE, 1874--. 17 vols. Title varies: Grand List (Quadrennial Valuation), 1874-78, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of Real Estate, 1882-1910, 8 vols.

Name of owner, description of property, appraised value, location of property. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 20 pp. 16 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  - 11 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Top of safe.

For related records see entry 41-xiv.

#### 48. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LIST AND GRAND LIST, 1863--. 68 vols. Missing 1873, 1884, 1888, 1892, 1894. Title varies: Grand List, 1866-72, 1874-83, 1869-91, 1893, 1895-1910, 37 vols.

Name and address of taxpayer, location and description of property, real and personal valuations, offsets, exemptions, total, amount of poll, assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value). Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 45-66 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 11 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Top of safe.

For related records see entries 4-ii, 6-vi, 41-xiii and xiv.

### IV. TREASURER

A town treasurer was elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). At each annual meeting since that time a town

treasurer has been elected to serve for a term of one year. At the present time there is an assistant treasurer. For financial reports see entry 6-xxi.

49. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK (Receipts and Disbursements), 1916---. 2 vols.

Itemized receipts and disbursements under departmental headings: receipts show date; name of payer; purpose; total amount received from taxes, loans, dog licenses, sundries, special accounts; and disbursements show date; order number; name of payee; purpose; total amount expended for general, school, highway, poor account, state and county taxes, sundries, special accounts. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 11 x 2-3/4.

50. (PAID ORDERS AND BILLS), 1927---. 12 bundles.

Contains:

- i. Paid orders showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose and number of order; signature of issuing officer.
- ii. Paid bills showing date, name of creditor, itemized or summarized description of goods or services.

No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 9 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 3. Top of safe.

51. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1927---. 12 bundles.

Date, number, name of payee and amount of check; name of bank; treasurer's signature; indorsements; bank cancelation. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 8 1/2 x 3 x 1. Top of safe.

52. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1927---. 5 vols.

Number, date, name of payee and amount of check; balance; deposits. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 299 stubs, 13 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 3/4. Cardboard box on shelf in back room.

53. (TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1927---. 36 vols. (3 vols. for each year dated and labeled A-H, H-M, M-Z). Prior records destroyed.

Stubs of tax receipts showing name of taxpayer; grand list (1% of tax valuation); year; general, poll, highway, school, and total tax; discount; county and old age assistance tax; total amount due; date received; signature of treasurer.

Also contains:

- i. (Delinquent Tax Receipt Stubs), entry 55.
- ii. (Tax abatements), entry 56.

Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs 9 1/2 x 4 1/4 x 1 - 3 1/4 x 11 x 1/2.

54. JOURNAL (Tax Rate Book), 1927---. 2 vols.

Name of taxpayer, grand list, rate, division of tax. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer by years. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 7 1/2 x 1/2.

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Auditors; Tax Collector

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## V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

At a special town meeting held December 27, 1836 three trustees of public money were elected (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 202; see entry 4). One to three trustees were elected annually during the years 1839-74; and one was elected annually for the years 1875-97, 1899-1903, 1905-11, 1919. In 1904 the selectmen acted as trustees. The treasurer's report for 1901 showed that the remainder of the United States deposit money was paid to the state treasurer (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 20; see entry 4). For the years 1898, 1912-18 and after 1919 there was no record of the election of this officer; however, in 1923 the treasurer acted as trustee. This office kept no records.

## VI. AUDITORS

In 1801-2 and 1807 the selectmen acted as a committee to settle and adjust the accounts of the town treasurer. In 1803, a committee, consisting of three members to settle accounts of the treasurer and selectmen, was elected for a term of one year. In 1804 a similar committee was elected to settle with the selectmen and town; in the years 1811, 1818, 1820 and 1829 to settle with treasurer and poor-master or overseer of poor; 1815, 1817, 1819, 1821-28, 1831, 1833-37, and 1839 to settle with treasurer, the number of members varying from one to three; 1816, 1822, 1824, 1828, 1833, 1835-37, and 1839 to settle with the overseer of poor or poor-master. For the years 1842-95, 1897-1916, three auditors were elected annually. In 1917 three auditors were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 228; see entry 4). From 1918 to date one auditor has been elected annually to serve for a term of three years. In 1896 and during the intermittent years from 1805, as indicated herewith, no record could be found of the election of these officers. For reports as compiled by the auditors see entry 6.

## VII. TAX COLLECTOR

A tax collector was elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). The constable has been tax collector during the years 1792 to date when no tax collector has been elected. During the years 1917-37 it was the practice of the treasurer to receive delinquent taxes direct from the taxpayer rather than to turn the tax over to the constable for collection.

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Board for Abatement of Taxes;  
Board of Civil Authority;  
School Directors

55. (DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPT STUBS), 1927--. In (Tax Receipt Stubs), entry 53-i.

Name of taxpayer, grand list (1% of tax valuation), year, general tax, old age assistance, total amount due, amount and date paid.

#### VIII. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was created by an act of the legislature in 1860 (Laws, 1860, No. 23). In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board. During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority. Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.

56. (TAX ABATEMENTS), 1927--. In (Tax Receipt Stubs), entry 53-ii.

Name of taxpayer, year, notation of abatement, signatures of selectmen.

#### IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839 (Laws, 1839, sec. 51, pp. 118-119). In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member. Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. For check lists as revised by this board see entry 8; for records as recorded by the town clerk see entry 4-iv.

#### X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Three school directors were elected for the first time at the annual town meeting, March 17, 1893 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 4, p. 402; see entry 4). They were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. From 1894 to date one director has been elected annually for a term of three years. Prior to 1893 the duties now performed by the school directors, were administered by a committee of three persons called superintending committee of common schools and a superintendent of schools, named in the order in which they were active. The

committee members were elected for the years 1829-36. The superintendent was elected for the years 1846-51, 1853-88; for the years 1889-92 the member elected was no longer called superintendent but a member of the county board of education. No record could be found of the election of a committee for the years 1837-45 or of a superintendent for the year 1852. For financial reports see entry 6-xiv.

57. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1936-37. 1 sheet.

Original minutes of school directors' meetings showing election of officers, date meeting was held, hiring of teachers, business transacted, attest of clerk of school board. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 6 x 5. Residence of J. Fleury, clerk of school board.

58. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTER, 1915--. 44 vols.

Certification of report by teacher; list of teachers with description of certificates; attendance data; visitors' register; annual school statistics by teacher; detailed daily attendance record; record of registration of pupils; list of transfers, reentries and withdrawals; list of non-resident pupils; record of transportation and board. Attendance records arr. alph. by name of pupil; no arr. for remainder of vol. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ . 2 vols., 1915-16, residence of town clerk; 42 vols., 1917--, residence of F. B. Cargill, superintendent of schools, Alburgh, Vt.

59. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1912-13, 1917--. 1 bundle.

Reports for 1912-13, 1917-18 showing list of teachers, receipts and expenditures and signatures of school directors and superintendent. Reports for 1919-- showing attendance by schools, questionnaire of information, student progress, promotion record, health services, school tax, valuations and assessments, receipts and expenditures, list of students whose tuition outside of town is paid by town, signatures of school directors and superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $11 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ .

60. (SCHOOL CENSUS), 1936--. 2 sheets.

Census of children aged 6-18 showing name of child, date of birth, age and sex of pupil, name and address of parent or guardian. Entries grouped by families. Hdw. under printed headings. 16 x 20. Residence of J. Fleury, clerk of school board.

For related records see entries 4-xxvii, 41-xxi.

61. SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ACCOUNTS, 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn against school account showing date and number of order; total amount of orders broken down under: teachers' wages, school directors' expenses, repairs, furniture, water, fuel, lights, janitor, transportation and board, tuitions to other towns for elementary and high school instruction, supplies, appliances, text books, new buildings, sundries, superintendent, insurance, labor, truancy; date and certification of examinations by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under

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Road Commissioner

printed headings. 240 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Residence of A. M. Hall, school director.

62. RECORD OF ORDERS, 1916---. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn by school directors showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. Residence of A. M. Hall, school director.

63. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1936---. 2 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, number, date, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vol., 1936---, residence of J. Fleury, clerk of school board; vol., 1937---, residence of A. M. Hall, school director.

64. RECORD (School District Meetings), 1867-92. 1 vol.

(2). 1809-11, 1842 in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxiii.

Warnings and minutes of annual school district meetings: warnings show date and place meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, name of signer-school district clerk; minutes show date meeting held, election of officers, action taken by voters on articles of warning and other business, attest of school district clerk. Chron. entry. No index. 360 pp. (36 pp. used) 13 x 9 x 1.

## XI. ROAD COMMISSIONER

From 1791-1892 the town was divided into highway districts varying in number from 2 to 6 and one or more surveyors were elected for each district. The first highway surveyors were elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). The first road commissioner was elected at the annual meeting held March 7, 1893 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 4, p. 402; see entry 4). From 1893-1904, 1915, 1919 and 1925 the town elected one road commissioner for a term of one year; from 1905-14, 1916-18, 1920-24 and 1926 to date the town has elected one commissioner for a three year term. For financial reports see entry 6-xiii.

65. RECORD OF ORDERS, 1921---. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn by road commissioner showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; date and certification of examination by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 11 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. Residence of A. Deyo, road commissioner.

66. DAY (Daily Record of Road Work), 1936---. 1 vol.

Daily entries for labor and expenses of road projects (resurfacing, maintenance, state-aid, side roads and permanent roads)

showing date, name of payee, hours employed, rate per hour, total amount including expenses other than for labor, date and certification of examination by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of A. Deyo, road commissioner.

67. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1936--. 3 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of A. Deyo, road commissioner.

68. (ROAD SURVEYS AND LAYOUTS), 1794--. In vols. 2-5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxvi.

Record of surveys and layouts showing date of survey and layout, description of road, name of surveyor, establishment of road, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally petitions showing date and purpose of petition, proposed location of road, list of petitioners.

69. (ROADS DISCONTINUED), 1872-- scattered dates. In vols. 4, 5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxiv.

Description of road, reason for discontinuance, order of selectmen to discontinue road, date recorded, clerk's attest.

70. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1900--. In vol. 5 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxv.

Record of sworn statement by selectmen of length and types of roads, roads opened and discontinued, selectmen's affidavit, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1893-- scattered dates, see entry 41-xx.

## XII. OVERSEER OF POOR

The first overseer of the poor was elected March 21, 1847 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 3, p. 37; see entry 4). The selectmen acted as overseer of the poor for the years 1844, 1852-93, 1898-99, 1905, 1927-32. The years for which one overseer was elected for a term of one year is as follows: 1847-49, 1851, 1894, 1900-1904, 1906-26, 1933 to date. No record could be found of the election of this officer or of the selectmen acting as such for the years 1845-46, 1850, 1895-97. For financial reports see entry 6-xii.

71. (RECORD OF ORDERS), 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of orders drawn by overseer of poor showing date, number, name of payee, purpose and amount of order; date and certification of examination by auditors. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under

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Cemetery Commissioners;  
Library Trustees

printed headings. 250 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Safe at residence of F. Jervais, overseer of poor.

72. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1936--. 1 vol.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, number, date, amount and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Safe at residence of F. Jervais, overseer of poor.

### XIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

At an annual town meeting held March 6, 1923 the town elected five cemetery commissioners for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 292; see entry 4). Since that time one commissioner has been elected annually for a term of five years. For financial reports see entry 6-iii.

73. RECORD (of Meetings), 1923--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings showing date of meeting, election of officers, amount appropriated by town, yearly cash balance, trust funds received, general discussions, report of caretaker, attest of secretary; contributors and amount contributed for building a toolhouse; list by cemeteries of soldiers buried. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 180 pp.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Miss M. Montgomery, cemetery commissioner.

74. JOURNAL, CEMETERY CASH BOOK, 1923--. 1 vol.

Receipts and disbursements by cemetery commissioners showing date, name of payer or payee, purpose, amount, total. Also contains:

i. (Cemetery Trust Funds), 1926--, entry 75.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp.  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Miss M. Montgomery, cemetery commissioner.

75. (CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS), 1926--. 1926-- in Journal, Cemetery Cash Book, entry 74-i; 1926-29, 1931, 1936-37 also in vol. 9 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-iv.

Name of fund and donor, amount and purpose of fund, name of bank where deposited, date of deposit, bank deposit and account numbers, name of signer-secretary of cemetery commissioners.

### XIV. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected at the annual meeting held March 5, 1895 as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a



Moderator; Constable;  
Town Agent; Grand Juror

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term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 4, p. 418; see entry 4). From 1896-1910, a trustee or commissioner was elected annually to serve for a term of five years. This non-record keeping office was discontinued after 1910.

#### XV. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first annual meeting March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). Since that time one moderator has been elected annually for a term of one year. This office keeps no records.

#### XVI. CONSTABLE

At the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791, the town elected one constable (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). From one to three officers were elected annually thereafter. In 1806, a distinction was made between the first and second constable. From 1909 to date there has been only one constable elected annually. The first constable has acted as tax collector when no collector was elected. This office keeps no records.

#### XVII. TOWN AGENT

The first town agent was appointed March 9, 1826 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 124; see entry 4). In 1838 and from 1843 to date an agent has been elected annually for a term of one year. For the years 1827-37, 1839-42 no record could be found of the election or appointment of this officer. This office keeps no records.

#### XVIII. GRAND JUROR

A grand juror was elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). One to three jurors have been elected annually since that date with the exception of the years 1796-98 and 1802, when no mention was made of their election. This office keeps no records.

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Board of Health; Fence Viewers;  
Poundkeepers; Sealer of  
Weights and Measures

## XIX. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint a health officer in each town (Laws, 1892, No. 82). The health officer with the selectmen of the town act as a board of health. For reports see entry 6-vii.

## XX. FENCE VIEWERS

Fence viewers were elected each year from 1792-1906, 1916-29, 1931-32, 1934-36. These varied in number from one to six. From 1911-12, 1915, and 1938 the selectmen appointed three fence viewers to serve for a one year term. The first fence viewers were elected March 13, 1792 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 4; see entry 4). For the years 1907-10, 1913-14, 1930, 1933, and 1937 no record could be found of the election or appointment of these officers. This office keeps no records.

76. (FENCE VIEWERS' DECISIONS), 1845, 1855, 1875, 1901, 1914. 1845 in vol. 3 of Town Meeting Minutes (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-ix; 1855, 1875, 1901, 1914 in vols. 4, 5, 8 of Land (and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 13-vi.

Record of decisions made by fence viewers showing date and place of decision, names of disputants, decision, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, clerk's attest.

## XXI. POUNDKEEPERS

At an annual town meeting held March 6, 1795 the voters elected one poundkeeper for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 4). Poundkeepers were elected annually for the years 1796, 1799-1801, 1804-5, 1807-10, 1812-83, 1888-90, 1893-1906, 1908, 1912. The number elected varied from one to two. The selectmen appointed two poundkeepers for the years 1911 and 1916 to date. For the intermittent years since 1796, as indicated herewith, no record could be found of election or appointment of these officers. This office keeps no records.

## XXII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The first sealer of weights and measures was elected March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 2; see

Inspector of Leather;  
Tythingmen; Haywards

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entry 4). There was one sealer elected annually in the years 1791, 1797, 1799-1801, 1804-30, 1835-39, 1861, 1863-64. In 1833 only, the office of sealer of weights and measures was combined with the office of leather sealer. After the year 1864 this office went out of existence and for the intermittent years from 1792-1862, as indicated herewith, no record could be found of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

#### XXIII. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

A leather sealer was elected for the first time at a town meeting held March 8, 1799 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 20; see entry 4). One officer was elected annually for the years 1814-28, 1831-32, 1843-44, 1857-59, 1861-74, 1885-89, 1891-93, 1895-97, 1899, and 1901. The office went out of existence in 1904. The office of leather sealer was combined with the office of sealer of weights and measures in 1833 only. In 1861 the name leather sealer was changed to inspector of leather. During the intermittent years, as indicated herewith, no record could be found of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

#### XXIV. TYTHINGMEN

Tythingmen were elected at an annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). They were elected for the years 1805, 1812-16, 1819, 1821-22, 1828, 1831-32, 1834-35 only. This non-record keeping office was discontinued after 1835.

#### XXV. HAYWARDS

Haywards were elected annually from 1791-1844, with the exception of the years 1793, 1798-99, 1802, 1833. The number elected varied from one to eleven. The first haywards were elected at the first annual meeting held March 24, 1791 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 4). This office kept no records.



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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### NORTH HERO

(For early History see Two Heroes Historical Sketch.)

The town of Two Heroes was divided October 27, 1788 into North Hero and South Hero.<sup>1</sup> The records available for the town of Two Heroes are now to be found at South Hero.

The island of North Hero and other small islands lying near make up the town of North Hero. This island is about eleven miles long and the distance across at the widest part is two miles. The island narrows very much in the center at what is called the "Carrying Place". In the days of the unpopular Embargo Act, before the War of 1812, smuggling was the respectable occupation of great numbers of people. In flight before the revenue cutters the smugglers carried their small boats across this narrow neck of land and escaped to Canada.<sup>2</sup>

After the division of Two Heroes, the new town of North Hero held its first meeting March 17, 1789. The few townspeople gathered at the home of Ben Butler and elected Nathan Hutchins town clerk. Nathan Hazen, John Knight, and John Bronson were elected selectmen.<sup>3</sup> The early records of the town have been either lost or destroyed. The first town meeting of which there is a record available is that of March 3, 1832.

In August of 1783 Enos Wood brought his family to the island and his cousin Solomon Wood came that fall. These two families were the first to spend the winter on the island.<sup>4</sup>

When the county of Grand Isle was formed in 1802 North Hero was made the shire town as it could be easily reached from the other towns.<sup>5</sup>

For many years after the Revolution a cause of irritation and contention between the United States and Great Britain was the presence of British garrisons on what was admitted to be American soil. The British claimed that the United States had not carried out the terms of the treaty of 1783 in regard to the treatment of loyalists and that these forts were a retaliatory measure. This was regarded by the United States as a direct

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1788, p. 7.
  2. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Abby Maria Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, p. 564.
  3. ibid., pp. 563-564.
  4. ibid., p. 563.
  5. Laws of Vermont, 1805, ch. 66, sec. 7.

insult to its national pride. Protest followed protest and war was imminent between the two countries. In a public address in 1794 Lord Dorchester, Governor General of Canada, declared that he would not be surprised if there were war with the United States before the end of the year.<sup>6</sup>

One of the points of contention was the British block house at Dutchman's Point on North Hero Island. May 30, 1794, General Ira Allen ordered out the Grand Isle County Militia and surrounded the British post on Dutchman's Point. A clash was narrowly averted. There were many complaints by George Hammond, British minister to the United States, and counter complaints by Governor Chittenden of Vermont. However, hostilities between the two countries did not break out and in the Jay Treaty the British agreed to abandon the Dutchman's Point garrison by June 11, 1796.<sup>7</sup>

In view of the irritation which the State of Vermont and the government of the United States felt at the maintenance of this fort it is interesting to read the report made by Marie S. Ladd for Menenway's Gazetteer. This account says that, "In times of extreme necessity, and such occasions were not rare, the first settlers knew a resort where their needs could be supplied--- the British hold a block house on the west side of the island at a place called Dutchman's Point. It was commanded by Sergeant Howard, a humane man, and in time of extremity the people were not turned away unrelieved". Instances are given when food and a place of safety were found at the British fort.<sup>8</sup>

In 1821 Butler's Island and Knight's Island were annexed to the town. There were a number of families living on these islands and there was a certain amount of taxable property.<sup>9</sup> Until 1871 there was a school house on Butler's Island and it was one of the school districts. In 1821 and 1822 other scattered islands near North Hero were annexed by act of legislature.<sup>10</sup>

Until the year 1825 County Court was held in the tavern of Jed P. Ladd. This house had a court room twenty-five feet by fifty feet and a "strong room" for a jail. A two-story court house was begun in 1824 and completed in 1825. The town of North Hero paid \$500 for the privilege of using the court house as a place of worship.<sup>11</sup> On June 3, 1865, the town voted to relinquish all "right and title" to the county court house in exchange for a

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6. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1922, vol. 2, p. 528.
  7. ibid., pp. 270, 528, 535. Governor and Council, vol. 3, p. 396 and vol. 4, appendix E.
  8. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, vol. 2, p. 564.
  9. Ms. Vermont State Papers, Petitions, vol. 55, p. 87. Governor and Council, vol. 6, p. 378.
  10. Ms. Vermont State Papers, Petitions, vol. 56, p. 171. Governor and Council, vol. 7, p. 127. Laws of Vermont, 1822, Public Acts, ch. 33.
  11. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, vol. 2, p. 565.



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grant of land on the south side of the court house square upon which was to be erected a town house and church.<sup>12</sup>

On February 5, 1866, the town voted to build a town house and one year later subscribers raised one thousand dollars so that the building could be used as a church. This church was a community undertaking and was to be used by any Protestant Christian Society. It has always been under the jurisdiction of the Methodists.

A Methodist circuit minister came to North Hero in 1792. He was probably the Rev. William Anson who came to the south island in that year. The first services were held in Jed Ladd's tavern in the same room where at a later date the County Court held its sessions. In 1860 an independent Methodist minister arrived in North Hero and claimed the ministerial lot, but due to the arrival of a Congregational minister in 1862 the lot was retained by the town. Today in North Hero there is a Protestant Church and a Catholic Church.

In 1793 the town was divided into four school districts. John Knight's barn was used for the first school house and Lois Hazen was the first teacher.<sup>13</sup> There have never been educational facilities other than the elementary schools and students have had to attend high schools in other towns. The building of a bridge over the "Passage" to Alburgh was opposed by some of the townspeople, but on September 27, 1884, state aid was asked of the legislature. North Hero's representative succeeded in obtaining aid for half of the cost and the town issued bonds to cover the balance. The bridge was completed October 28, 1886.<sup>14</sup>

The Rutland Railroad was built in 1899-1902. This enabled the farmers to market their products more easily and dairying increased on the island. It also brought an influx of summer residents. Many summer camps for boys and girls have since been established.

North Hero Public Library was established in March 1913. Individual donations were received and the state gave "first aid".<sup>15</sup> Today North Hero is a member of the Grand Isle County Inter-Library Loan Association.

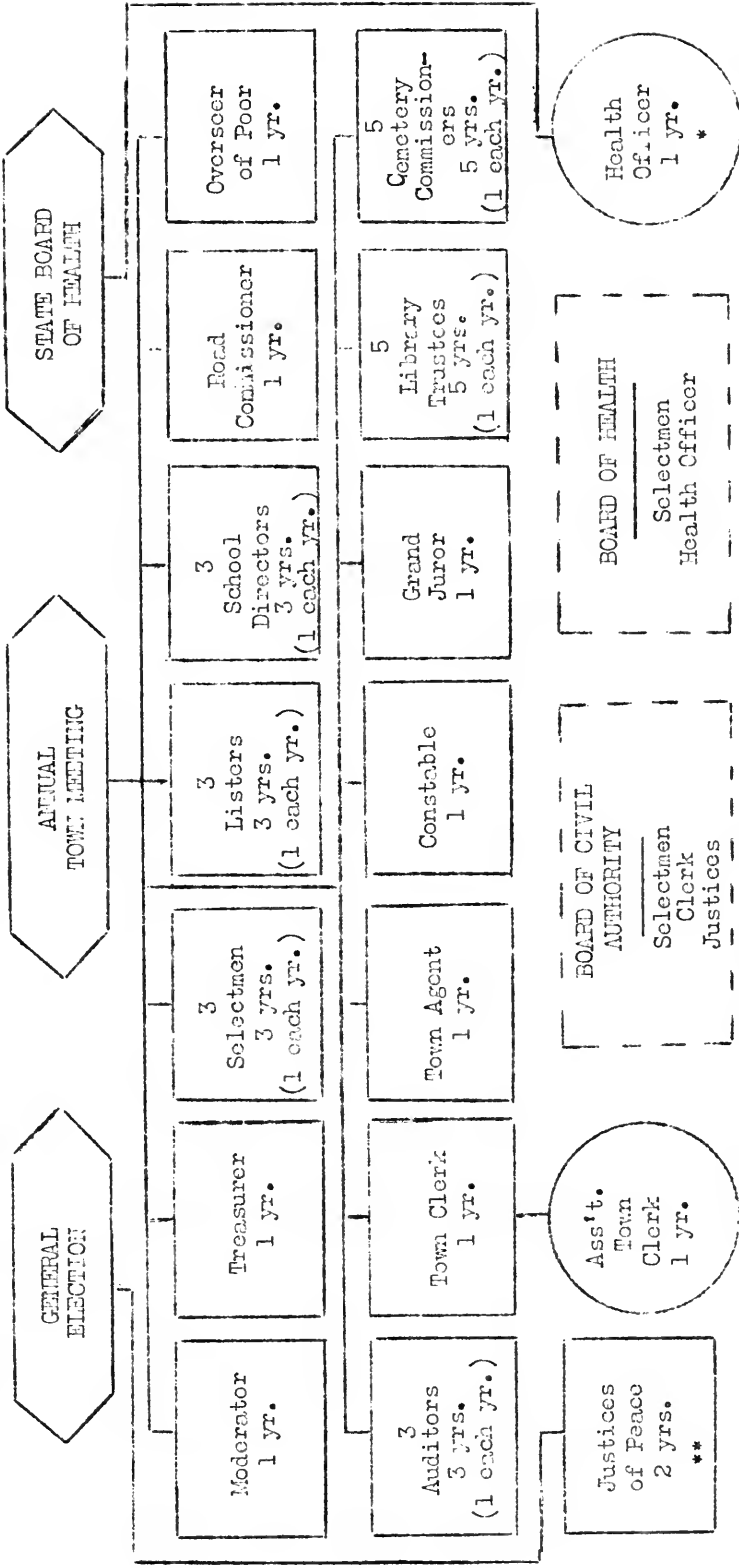
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12. History of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, L. C. Aldrich, Syracuse, N. Y., 1891, p. 669.
  13. Child's Franklin and Grand Isle County Directory, Hamilton Child, Syracuse, N. Y., 1883, p. 232.
  14. Aldrich, op. cit., pp. 661-670.
  15. Tenth Biennial Report of the Treasurer, Public Library Commission, 1912-14, p. 40.

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Population as shown by the U. S. census is as follows:  
1800-324; 1830-638; 1850-730; 1870-601; 1890-550; 1910-496; 1930-  
485.

# DIAGRAM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT OF NORTH HERO 1936



Elected

Key

ap-pointed

Ex-Officio

\* Health officer is town officer only as member of Board of Health.

\*\* Justices are town officers only as members of Board for Abatement of Taxes and Board of Civil Authority.

Board for Abatement of Taxes

Selectmen - Clerk - Listers - Treasurer - Justices

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## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the records in the inventory of the town of North Hero, except the records of the treasurer, selectmen, road commissioner, overseer of poor, tax collector and most of the records of the school directors, are kept at the residence of the town clerk, Dr. H. Roy Allen. Unless otherwise specified the records are kept in the safe in the shed at this residence.

The room used as the office is in an ell which has been built onto the west side of the house. This room, although well heated and lighted, is small and the space is inadequate for anyone wishing to inspect the records, but the town clerk kindly arranges space in his home for the convenience of the public.

The building is a two and one-half story structure built about one hundred years ago and is not fireproof. It is located on the east side of the island in the southern part of what is called North Hero Village on U. S. Route 2.

The treasurer's records unless otherwise specified, are located in the vault in the office of the probate judge in the county court building. This building is a two story stone structure built in 1830. It is located on the east side of the island in the northern part of the so-called North Hero Village on U. S. Route 2. A few of the treasurer's records are located on the shelves in the office of the probate judge who is also town treasurer. A few of these records are located in the attic over Ira Tudhope's store.

The records of the selectmen, overseer of poor, road commissioner, tax collector and most of the records of the school directors are kept at their respective residences as noted in the inventory. Some of the school records are located at the residence of the superintendent of schools.

## TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

### I. TOWN CLERK

A town clerk was elected at the first recorded town meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). Since that time a clerk has been elected annually for a term of one year. At the present time there is an assistant town clerk.

#### Governmental

1. RECORD (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), 1832--. 4 vols. (5, 6, 12, 16). Title varies: Town Record, 1832-53, vol. 5; no title, 1913--, vol. 16. First vol. destroyed.

Warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, date of warning, names of signers-selectmen; minutes show date and place meeting held, election of officers, report of officers, action taken by town on articles of warning and other town affairs; date recorded; clerk's attest.

Also contains:

- i. (Attachment and Execution Records), 1834-1913 scattered dates, entry 13.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1861, 1894, 1898, 1901, 1908, entry 16.
- iii. (Birth Records), 1842-60 scattered dates, entry 18.
- iv. (Board of Civil Authority Meetings), 1902--, entry 50.
- v. Church records, 1866: organization of association to build combined church meeting house and town hall showing articles of agreement, conditions and provisions, names of subscribers and amount each subscribed, place and date of organization; and minutes of meeting showing date and place meeting held, election of association officers and committee to superintend building; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 6.
- vi. (Death Records), 1856-61, entry 20.
- vii. Division of public school money, 1862, 1871-80, 1882-83, 1885-92, showing list of receipts and total receipts of money to be divided, school district numbers with amount of allotment to each, total amount of allotment, occasionally certification by selectmen, date recorded, town clerk's attest; vols. 6, 12.
- viii. Establishment of Congregational Church and Society, 1862: minutes of meeting of an Ecclesiastical Council to organize the Congregational Society and install and settle a pastor for the said church showing date, place, and purpose of meeting; names of council members; action taken; names of signers-council

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- moderator and scribe; date recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 6.
- ix. (Freemen's Meetings), 1832--, entry 2.
  - x. (Freemen's Oaths), 1836-1922, entry 4.
  - xi. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1847-1900 scattered dates, entry 62.
  - xii. Highway district bounds, 1848-49, showing date of survey, number of districts, description of boundaries of each district, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 5.
  - xiii. (Land and Miscellaneous) Record(s), 1849-- scattered dates, entry 9.
  - xiv. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1897-98, 1902, entry 11.
  - xv. (Lien Notes), 1854, 1872-1913 scattered dates, entry 14.
  - xvi. List of jurors drawn, 1832-65, 1868, 1878-81, 1883-88, 1890-91, 1893-1909, showing name of sheriff, names of jurors, term of court served, date recorded, clerk's attest; after 1886 name of sheriff was omitted and name of county clerk added; vols. 5, 6, 12.
  - xvii. (Marriage Records), 1848-71, entry 19.
  - xviii. (Officers' Appointments), 1845--, entry 6.
  - xix. (Officers' Oaths), 1832--, entry 8.
  - xx. Pole line permit, 1908, showing names of parties, declaration of permit, recital of authority, date of permit, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 12.
  - xxi. Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1874-1913 scattered dates, entry 15.
  - xxii. Record Town Officers' Bonds Town of North Hero, Vt., 1853-1916 scattered dates, entry 7.
  - xxiii. Roads discontinued, 1848-77; petitions for discontinuance, showing description of road, reason for discontinuance, list of petitioners; and order to discontinue showing date of order, notice given interested parties, description of road, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 5, 6.
  - xxiv. (Road Mileages), 1893-1917 scattered dates, entry 59.
  - xxv. (Road Surveys and Layouts), 1842-99 scattered dates, entry 60.
  - xxvi. School property appraisal, 1893, showing date and place of appraisal, school district number, valuation of property of each district, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 12.
  - xxvii. Stallion records, 1907-8, 1910-11, showing name of owner, description and pedigree of stallion, name of signer-owner, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 12.
  - xxviii. Test book committee report, 1879, showing date, term of contract, name of text books, names of signers-committee, conditions of contract, name of signer-agent for company, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 6.
  - xxix. Teachers' licenses, 1846-51, 1886, showing date issued, name of teacher, certification of qualification,

term of license, name of signer-school superintendent, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally shows only name of teacher, date issued, grant of license; vols. 5, 12.

Chron. entry. Vol. 12, 1882-1913, table of contents for miscellaneous items; indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: plaintiff-defendant for attachments; grantor-grantee for land records; no index for miscellaneous records. Vols. 5, 6, 16, 1832-82, 1913--, no index. Separate index to land records see entry 10. Hdw. 320-480 pp. 11-3/4 x 7-3/4 x 1 1/2 - 14 x 9-3/4 x 2-3/4.

2. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1832--. In vols. 5, 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-ix.

Warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, list of officers to be voted on, time polls close, place and date of warning, name of signer-warning officer; minutes show date and place meeting held, list of candidates and tabulation of votes, attest of presiding officer; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 34-v.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS, 1919, 1922--. 18 vols. and duplicates for 1923-31, 1933-34, 1936--. Also duplicates 1900-1901, 1912. 1916, 1918-20, 1922-- in Vermont State Library at Montpelier.

Contains:

- i. Auditors' reports showing balance in treasury, list of assets and liabilities, recommendations of amounts to be raised in taxes for ensuing year for general expense and percentage of grand list for all taxes, names of auditors, occasionally general recommendations regarding different departments are noted.
- ii. Births, reports of, 1923--, showing name of child, date of birth, names of parents. For birth records see entry 18.
- iii. Cemetery commissioners' report, 1937, showing general statement regarding maintenance recommendations for ensuing year and an accounting of money received from sale of lots and for care of lots, names of commissioners.
- iv. Deaths, reports of, 1927--, showing date of death, name and age of deceased; 1930 omits date of death. For death records see entry 20.
- v. Health officer's reports, 1922-27, showing number and kind of communicable diseases, general statement regarding inspection of school children and sanitary conditions of schools, name of health officer; after 1923 adds number of births, marriages, and deaths; 1925-26 includes report of communicable diseases by secretary of state board of health showing number and kind of disease.

- vi. Librarian's reports, 1925-33, 1937--, showing number of books loaned during year, number and cost of books purchased, list of miscellaneous purchases and expenses, number of gift volumes received, amount received for library fund, cash on hand, name of librarian; 1928-35, 1937-- adds amount of town appropriation.
  - vii. Marriages, reports, 1927-32, 1934--, showing date of marriage, names and residence of groom and bride; 1929 omits residence of groom and bride. For marriage records see entry 19.
  - viii. Old age assistance director's reports, 1937--, showing general statement of amount paid to applicants in town, name of state director.
  - ix. Overseer of poor's reports showing list of orders, total disbursements for year, name of overseer; 1922-32, 1934-37 adds recommendation of amount to be raised for ensuing year.
  - x. Road commissioner's reports showing list of orders, total disbursements for year, summary of receipts and expenditures, name of road commissioner; town and state roads reported separately.
  - xi. School directors' reports showing list of orders, summary of receipts and disbursements, general recommendations if any, names of school directors; 1922-- adds total cost of each school and cost per pupil.
  - xii. Selectmen's reports showing list of orders, summary of receipts and disbursements, names of selectmen.
  - xiii. Superintendent of schools' reports, 1922-24, showing general statement of conditions, recommendations for ensuing year, summary of past year's estimated and actual cost, estimated cost for ensuing year, name of superintendent.
  - xiv. Treasurer's reports showing itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, name of treasurer; 1922-- shows breakdown of report as general financial statement, selectmen and general account, school directors, road commissioner with a summary of balances or overdrafts.
  - xv. Trustee's of public money reports, 1919, 1922, showing amount of fund and name of trustee.
  - xvi. Town officers, list of, showing name of office and incumbent(s).
- No arr. No index. Printed. Aver. 32 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8. Shelf.
4. (FREEMEN'S OATHS), 1922--. 1 vol. 1836-1922 in vols. 5, 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-x.

List of persons taking oath showing date oath was taken, name of person taking oath, name of signer-administering official. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 3/4. Shelf.

5. (CHECK LISTS OF VOTERS), 1920--. 1 vol.  
Alphabetical list of voters entered under first letter of surname



together with check mark indicating casting of ballot, year, date filed, clerk's attest. No index. Hdw. and typed sheets pasted or laid in. 50 pp. 15-3/4 x 10 1/4 x 1/4. Shelf.

6. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1845--. In vols. 5, 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xviii.

Date of appointment, name of appointee, office to be fulfilled, name(s) of signer(s)-appointing official(s), date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally includes certification of having taken oath of office.

For original papers, 1937, see entry 34-i.

7. RECORD OF TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT., 1899--. 1 vol. 1853-1916 scattered dates in vols. 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xxii.

Office held by bonded official; name(s) and address(es) of principal, sureties, and witness(es); amount and conditions of bond; date and names of signers-selectmen for acceptance and approval; date and time filed and recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. Cupboard.

8. (OFFICERS' OATHS), 1832--. In vols. 5, 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xix.

Certification of administering oath and officer's pledge: certification shows office held, name of officer, name of administering official; 1884-- adds pledge showing name of office, office to be fulfilled, oath, name of signer-pledging officer, date of oath, name of signer-administering official; date recorded; clerk's attest. In earlier records the mark "x" and explanatory note at end of minutes usually used in lieu of above.

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9. (Land and Miscellaneous) RECORD(s), 1795--. 10 vols. (1, 3, 4, 7-10, 13-15). Title varies: Town Record, 1795-1810, vol. 1; Town Records, 1835-54, vol. 7; Record-Town of North Hero, 1900-1910, vol. 13; no title, 1803-35, 1863-80, vols. 3, 4, 9. Land records, 1849-- scattered dates in vols. 5, 6, 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xiii.

Land records: deeds, mortgages, assignments, wills, leases, indentures and other instruments affecting real estate showing names of principals, consideration, description of property, condition and date of instrument, recital of title, names of signers-principals and witnesses, acknowledgment, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally marginal notations showing discharge of instrument.

For original deeds, 1929-- scattered dates, see entry 34-vii.

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Also contains:

- i. Articles of association, 1897, showing name, purpose and conditions of association; date of petition; names and addresses of subscribers; certification; date of filing; name of signer-secretary of state; date and time recorded; clerk's attest; vol. 10. For original papers, 1929, see entry 34-ii.
- ii. (Attachment and Execution Records), 1795-- scattered dates, entry 13.
- iii. Blueprint, 1933, of private property known as "Green Mountain Park", showing boundaries and lot numbering, scale, date and time received, clerk's attest; vol. 14.
- iv. (Fence Viewers' Decisions), 1838, 1888, entry 62.
- v. (Land Taxes and Vendues), 1798-1835, entry 11.
- vi. (Road Mileages), 1931, entry 59.
- vii. (Road Surveys and Layouts), 1797, 1815, entry 60.
- viii. Survey bills of lots, 1797-1847, showing place and date of survey, name of party having lot surveyed, measurements, boundaries, acreage description, name of original owner, attest of surveyor(s), date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 1, 3, 4, 7.

Chron. entry. Vol. 1, 3, 4, 1795-1835, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee for land records; plaintiff-defendant for attachments; by type of contents for miscellaneous items; names of original proprietors in last column. Vols. 7, 9, 10, 1835-54, 1863-1900, indexed same as above leaving out names of original proprietors. Vol. 13, 1900-1910, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records; plaintiff-defendant for attachments; by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Vols. 8, 14, 15, 1854-63, 1910--, no index in vols. Separate index see entry 10. Hdw.; vol. 13, 1900-1910, hdw., some on printed forms. Vols. 10, 13, 14, 1880-1933, condition poor. 375-590 pp. 13-3/4 x 9 1/2 x 1 1/2 - 16 1/4 x 11 1/2 x 2 1/2.

10. GENERAL INDEX, 1795--. 1 vol.

Index to land and miscellaneous records in entry 9 and instruments pertaining to land in entry 1-xiii showing names of parties or type of contents, volume and page reference, type of deed for land records. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor for land records; plaintiff-defendant, defendant-plaintiff for attachments; by type of contents for miscellaneous items. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 600 pp. 16 1/2 x 12 x 2 1/2.

11. (LAND TAXES AND VENDUES), 1798-1835, 1897-98, 1902. 1798-1835 in vols. 1, 3, 4 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 9-v; 1897-98, 1902 in vol. 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xiv.

Record of land taxes and sale of land for taxes: warnings showing amount of tax, purpose of vendue, date of payment, place and time

of sale, date of warning and attest of collector; occasionally list of owners, lot numbers, number of acres, amount of tax; vendues showing the amount of tax and costs, date of sale, notice of adjournment, collector's attest; date recorded; clerk's attest.

12. (ASSIGNMENTS), 1879--- scattered dates. In vol. 11 of Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, entry 17-i. Record of assignments of mortgages showing names of assignor and assignee, consideration, reference to mortgage, assignation, names of signers-assignor and witnesses, date acknowledged, date and time received and recorded, clerk's attest.

13. (ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION RECORDS), 1795---. 1795--- scattered dates in vols. 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 13-15 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 9-ii; 1834-1913 scattered dates also in vols. 5, 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-i; 1913 also in vol. 15 of Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 15-i; 1913-14 also in vol. 11 of Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, entry 17-ii.

Record of writs of attachments showing names of defendant and plaintiff, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-issuing officer, recognition of surety for costs of prosecution, amount of bond, attest of court; abstract of above usually recorded in lieu of full attachment showing place and date of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, amount of damage; officer's return of service of writ showing date and place of service, name of defendant, property attached, date and place filed, name of signer-serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest. Record of writs of executions showing names of plaintiff, defendant and court; amount of judgment and costs; recital of authority; instructions to officer; name of signer-court; abstract of above usually recorded in lieu of full execution showing names of plaintiff, defendant and court; amount of judgment; officer's return of service of writ showing name of defendant, demand, description of property levied on and sold, proceeds, accounting of damages and costs, attest of serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For original writs of attachments, 1930---, see entry 34-iii.

14. (LIEN NOTES), 1854, 1872---. 1854, 1872-1913 scattered dates in vols. 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xv; 1913--- in vols. 15, 17 of Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 15-v; 1883-1930 scattered dates also in vol. 11 of Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, entry 17-iv.

Record of lien notes showing names of parties, date and amount of note, terms of payment, description of property lien is on, names of signers-maker and witness(es), date recorded, clerk's attest.

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15. RECORD (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1913--. 2 vols. (15, 17). 1874-1913 scattered dates in vols. 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xxi; 1885-1930 scattered dates in vol. 11 of Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, entry 17-v.

Record of conditional sale contracts showing names and addresses of vendor and vendee; date, conditions and amount of sale; terms of payment; description of property; names of signers-vendee and witness(es); date recorded; clerk's attest.

Also contains:

- i. (Attachment and Execution Records), 1913, entry 13.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1916, 1918, 1934, 1937, entry 16.
- iii. Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, 1922, entry 17.
- iv. Crop mortgages, 1937, showing recital of authority, names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, rate of interest, location of property on which crops are mortgaged, conditions and provisions, date of mortgage, names of signers-mortgagor and witness(es), affidavits, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 17. For related records see entry 17.
- v. (Lien Notes), entry 14.
- vi. Labor contract, 1920, showing date of contract, names of employer and employee, date employment starts, rate of payment, names of signers-employer and employee, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 15.
- vii. Turkey marks, 1928, showing description of mark, statement and date of registration, name of signer-owner, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 15.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of vendee-vendor for conditional sales and bills of sale; mortgage-mortgagor for lien notes; no index for other records. Hdw., some hdw. and typed forms pasted in. Aver. 255 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

16. (BILLS OF SALE), 1861-1937. 1861, 1894, 1898, 1901, 1908 in vols. 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-ii; 1893-1917 scattered dates in vol. 11 of Chattel Mortgage Records, North Hero, entry 17-iii; 1916, 1918, 1934, 1937 in vols. 15, 17 of Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 15-ii.

Record of bills of sale showing names of vendor and vendee, consideration, description of property, date of sale, names of signers-vendor and witness(es), date received and recorded, clerk's attest.

17. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORDS, NORTH HERO, 1879--. 3 vols. (11, 18, 19). Title varies: Record of Attachments, Record of Chattel Mortgages, 1879--, vol. 11. 1922 also in vol. 15 of Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), entry 15-iii.

Record of chattel mortgages showing name of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of mortgage, names of signers-witness(es) and mortgagor, acknowl-

edgment; affidavit showing oath and names of signers-mortgager and mortgagee; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 15-iv.

Also contains:

- i. (Assignments), 1879-- scattered dates, entry 12.
- ii. (Attachment and Execution Records), 1913-14, entry 13.
- iii. (Bills of Sale), 1893-1917 scattered dates, entry 16.
- iv. (Lien Notes), 1893-1930 scattered dates, entry 14.
- v. Record (Conditional Sale Contracts), 1885-1930 scattered dates, entry 15.

Chron. entry. Vol. 11, 1879-- , indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: mortgagor-mortgagee for liens and chattel mortgages; plaintiff-defendant for attachments; vendor-vendee for conditional sales and bills of sale. Vols. 18, 19, 1936-- , indexed alph. under first letter of surname of mortgagor-mortgagee for chattel mortgages. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on printed forms pasted in. 120-600 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $16\frac{1}{4} \times 12 \times 3$ .

### Vital Statistics

18. (BIRTH RECORDS), 1842-60 scattered dates. In vols. 5, 6 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-iii.

Name of child, place and date of birth, names of parents, clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1915, see entries 21-i, 22-i, 23; for birth certificates see entry 24; for birth reports see entry 3-ii.

19. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1848-71. In vols. 5, 6 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xvii.

Place and date of marriage, names and addresses of bride and groom, name of signer-performing official, date recorded, clerk's attest; after 1864 adds occupation of groom; after 1867 adds age, number of marriage, birthplaces and names of parents of groom and bride.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1921, see entries 21-iii, 25; for marriage certificates see entry 27; for marriage reports see entry 3-vii.

20. (DEATH RECORDS), 1856-61. In vol. 6 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-vi.

Name of deceased, date and cause of death, name of signer-medical attendant or informant, clerk's attest.

For other related records, 1857-1915, see entries 21-ii, 22-ii, 28; for death certificates see entry 30; for death reports see entry 3-iv.

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21. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1857-84.  
2 vols. (1, 2). System established 1857, discontinued 1884. Title varies: Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths for the Town of North Hero, 1857-68, vol. 1.

Contains:

- i. Births showing date of birth; name, sex, condition, place of birth of child; names, residences and birthplaces of parents; occupation of father; occasionally attest of clerk. For prior related records, 1842-60, scattered dates, see entry 18.
- ii. Deaths showing date of death; name, age, place of birth, place of death, disease or cause of death, sex and condition of deceased; occupation if male over 15 years; names of parents; occasionally clerk's attest. For other related records, 1856-61, see entry 20.
- iii. Marriages, 1857-82, showing date of marriage; names, residences, ages and birthplaces of groom and bride; occupation of groom; names of parents; number of marriage of groom and bride; name and title of officiating person; occasionally date recorded and clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1848-71, see entry 19.

Chron. entry. Separate index to births and deaths see entry 29; to marriages see entry 26. Hdw. under printed headings. 25-250 pp.  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  -  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ .

22. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO, 1885-96. 1 vol. (4). System established 1885, discontinued 1896.

Contains:

- i. Births showing information as in entry 21-i omitting condition. For prior related records, 1842-60 scattered dates, see entry 18.
- ii. Deaths showing information as in entry 21-ii omitting condition and adding marital status. For other related records, 1856-61, see entry 20.

Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 29. Hdw. under printed headings. 130 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ .

23. RECORD OF BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT., 1897-1915. 1 vol. (6). System established 1897, discontinued 1915.

Showing information as in entry 21-i adding date recorded, race or color, name of medical attendant, and omitting condition.

Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 29. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition poor. 34 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1842-60 scattered dates, see entry 18.

24. CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH, 1903—. 1 vol., 2 bundles (vol. 9; bundles 1903-15, 1934—). System established 1903. Original certificates showing date and place of birth; name and sex of child; age, residence and birthplaces of parents; occupa-

tion of father; race or color; number of child of mother; condition as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; signature and residence of physician or informant, date filed. 1920-- adds information as to multiple births, number in order of such births; statement of legitimacy; occupation of mother; number of children of mother now living; certificate of physician or midwife. 1929-- adds detailed information regarding occupation of parents; whether or not child was premature or full term; period of gestation if stillborn. Arr. chron. Vol. 9, 1916-33, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of child. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol., 1916-33, 200 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; bundles, 1903-15, 1934-- ,  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 1-3/4 - 8\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . 1 vol., 1916-33, 1 bundle, 1903-15, safe; 1 bundle, 1934-- , desk.

For birth records see entry 10.

25. MARRIAGE RECORD FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT., 1883-1921. 2 vols. (3, 5). System established 1883, discontinued 1921.

Showing information as in entry 21-iii adding place of marriage. Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride; also separate index, 1883-1905, see entry 26. Hdw. on printed forms. Vol. 5, 1897-1921, condition poor. 60-100 pp. aver.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1848-71, see entry 19.

26. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT., 1857-1905. 1 vol.

Index serving marriages in entry 21-iii and 1883-1905 in entry 25 showing volume and page reference, names of groom-bride, bride-groom, date of marriage. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $14\frac{1}{4} \times 9 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

27. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1903-- . 3 bundles (1, 2, 3 and labeled by years). System established 1903.

Original certificates showing place and date of application for license; name, residence, color, age, divorced status, number of marriage, birthplaces and names of parents of both groom and bride; maiden name of bride if widowed or divorced; occupation of groom; date of marriage; certification and attest of performing official; clerk's attest; date received for record; signature of bride or groom. 1908-- adds oath of groom or bride as to truth of statements in application, signature of notary public, certification of application for license with signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $9\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 3/4 - 9 \times 9 \times 3/4$ . 2 bundles, 1903-33, safe; 1 bundle, 1934-- , desk.

For marriage records see entry 19.

28. RECORD OF DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT., 1897-1915. 1 vol. (7).

Showing information as in entry 21-ii adding race or color, marital status, name of medical attendant; and omitting condition. Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 29. Hdw. on printed forms. 80 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For other related records, 1856-61, see entry 20.

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29. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VT.,  
1857-1915. 1 vol.

Index serving births and deaths in entries 21-23, 28 showing name of child or deceased, volume and page reference, and date of birth or death. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child or deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 104 pp. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

30. (DEATH CERTIFICATES), 1903--. 2 bundles (I, II). System established 1903.

Original certificates showing date and place of death; name, age, sex of deceased; occupation if male over 15 years of age; place and date of birth; name and birthplace of parents; disease or cause of death; marital status; race or color; name of spouse; place and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; certificate of principal and contributing causes of death and duration of illness; signatures of physician and/or of health officer and/or name and address of informant; date of filing; 1929-- adds death from external cause or violence with date and place, manner and nature or injury and statement of physician as to whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased.

Also contains:

i. (Burial, Entombment or Removal Permits), 1903-8, entry 31. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  - 9 x 9 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

For death records see entry 20.

31. (BURIAL, ENTOMBMENT OR REMOVAL PERMITS), 1909--. 1 bundle. 1903-8 in (Death Certificates), entry 30-i.

Name of person to whom issued, date of death, name and age of deceased, cause of death, name of medical attendant, place and date of burial or proposed removal, name and address of undertaker; certification by undertaker of delivery to sexton or cemetery keeper showing date, statement of disposition of body, signature of sexton or keeper; 1904-- adds manner of burial, entombment or removal. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. or typed on printed forms. 9 x 9 x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ .

Licenses, Fees, Permits

32. (DOG LICENSE STUBS), 1920--. 7 vols. Missing 1926-28. Stubs of licenses issued showing license number, name of owner, description of dog, fee paid, date license was issued, clerk's signature. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 4 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 7 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 4 vols., 1920-25, 1929-32, in room over office; 3 vols., 1933--., cabinet.



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Miscellaneous Records

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33. ENROLLED MILITIA, 1863-65. 1 vol.

List of men aged 18-42 liable to enrollment in Civil War showing name, age, occupation and remarks, date and attest of selectmen as to correctness of list. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of soldier. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Condition fair. 100 pp. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cabinet.

Miscellaneous Records

34. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1929--. 5 pigeonholes. Original unbound papers filed in town clerk's office:

- i. Appointment of town officers, 1937, showing information as in entry 6.
- ii. Articles of association, 1929, showing information as in entry 9-i.
- iii. Attachments, 1930--, showing information as in entry 13.
- iv. Census of livestock and silos, 1936, showing owner's names; number of cattle, horses, sheep, swine and silos; totals of each for town.
- v. Certificate of votes for county, state, and national elections, 1934--, showing date of certificate, office, names of persons nominated, result of voting, attest of presiding officer and town clerk. For related records see entry 2.
- vi. Correspondence, 1935--; general mail received by town clerk.
- vii. Deeds, 1929-- scattered dates, showing information as in entry 9.
- viii. Highway records, 1930, showing plans and reports from state commissioner of highway regarding relocation of highways.
- ix. Receipts for cash paid state, 1936--, showing amount and date paid, detailed account credited, signature of state treasurer.
- x. Road mileages, 1936--, showing information as in entry 59.
- xi. Statement of business ownership, 1937--, showing certification of owner; name, nature, and location of business; date of statement; signatures of partners; also date, oath, signature of notary public.
- xii. Taxes assessed, 1936--, report to state showing year, town, classification of taxes, grand list, tax rate, amount assessed, division of tax, number of polls, date of report, signature of town clerk.

No arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. 3 x 4 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Desk.

## II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at the first recorded annual meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). The procedure of electing three selectmen for a term of one year was followed until 1909 when the town elected one for a term of one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Since that time there has been one selectman elected annually for a term of three years. In 1834 the selectmen acted as a committee to settle and adjust the accounts of the overseer of poor. They also acted as overseer of the poor in 1839-40, 1846, 1849-55, 1858, 1863 and 1865. They keep no records of their meetings. For financial reports see entry 3-xii.

### 35. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1933--. 6 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, number, amount, date and purpose of order. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3 \times 11 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . 3 vols., 1933-35, at residence of H. J. O'Neil; 3 vols., 1935--, at residence of Perle Dubuque, first selectman.

## III. LISTERS

Three listers were elected at the first recorded town meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). From that time until 1909 three listers were elected annually for a term of one year. In 1909 three listers were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Since 1910 one lister has been elected annually for a term of three years.

### 36. TAX INVENTORIES, 1933--. 10 bundles.

Name and address of taxpayer, itemized list and summary of taxable real and personal property including livestock and furniture offsets, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signature of lister and date of receipt. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  -  $14 \times 8\text{-}3/4 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . In room over office.

### 37. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISALS OF REAL ESTATE, 1860, 1865, 1874-- quadrennially. 19 vols. Title varies: Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.; Quinquennial Valuation for the Grand List, 1865, 1 vol.; Grand List (Quadrennial Valuation), 1874-82, 3 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of the Real Estate, 1886-1910, 7 vols.

Name of owner, description and location of property, appraised value, remarks. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 16-40 pp.  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $11 \times 17 \times 3/8$ . 9 vols., 1860, 1865, 1874-98, in room over office; 10 vols., 1902--, in cupboard in office.

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38. ABSTRACT OF THE INDIVIDUAL LIST AND GRAND LIST, 1842--.  
91 vols. Missing 1866, 1893, 1896, 1910, 1912-13.

Title varies: Grand List, 1842-1909, 65 vols.

Name and address of taxpayer, description of property, real and personal valuation, offsets, valuations, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed valuation); 1911-- contains town clerk's certificate of receiving for filing in office, date received, clerk's attest; 1928-- adds date, attest, signature of notary public.

Also contains:

- i. Ratable Polls, 1842-65, 1867-92, 1894-95, 1897-1909, 1911, 1914-33, entry 39.

Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 1844-45, 1851, condition poor. 30-50 pp.  $13 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$  -  $17\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$ . 65 vols., 1842-65, 1867-92, 1894-95, 1897-1909, room over office; 26 vols., 1911, 1914--, cupboard.

39. RATABLE POLLS, 1934--. 4 vols. 1842-65, 1867-92, 1894-95, 1897-1909, 1911, 1914-33 in Abstract of the Individual List and Grand List, entry 38-i.

Name and residence of taxpayer, polls for town tax or notation of exemption, listers' certification as to correctness of contents showing date, signatures of listers; vol. for 1934 adds town clerk's certification of receiving volume, date received, clerk's attest. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 20 pp.  $16 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ .

#### IV. TREASURER

One treasurer was elected at the first recorded meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). Since that time one treasurer has been elected annually for a term of one year. The treasurer has also assumed the duties of trustee of public money since 1931. For reports see entry 3-xiv.

40. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK (Receipts and Disbursements), 1812--. 5 vols. Missing 1849-80.

Itemized receipts and disbursements under departmental headings after 1903: receipts show date; name of payer; purpose; total amount received from taxes, loans, dog licenses, sundries and special accounts; and disbursements show date; name of payee; order number; purpose; total amount expended for general, school, highway, poor, county tax, sundries and special accounts. Chron. entry. Vol. for 1881-1903, indexed by dept.; vols. for 1812-48, 1903-- , no index. Vols. for 1812-48, 1881-1903 hdw.; vols. for 1903-- hdw. on printed forms. Vol. for 1812-48, condition fair. 200-500 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1$  -  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf in treasurer's office.

41. (PAID ORDERS OF TOWN OFFICERS), 1901-9, 1911--. 36 bundles.

Name of payee, number, date, amount, and purpose of order; signature(s) of issuing officer(s); indorsement. Arr. chron. by depts. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  -  $9 \times 4 \times 2$ . 10 bundles, 1901-9, 1911-13, attic over Ira Tudhope's store; 26 bundles, 1914--, vault.

42. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1928-30, 1932--. 86 envelopes.

Name of payee, date, amount, and number of check; treasurer's signature; indorsements; bank cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver.  $10 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . 11 envelopes, 1928-30, attic over Ira Tudhope's store; 60 envelopes, 1932-36, vault; 15 envelopes, 1936--, shelf in treasurer's office.

43. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1908--. 111 vols.

Name of payee, date, amount, number, and purpose of check; balance carried forward; bank deposit; balance forwarded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 30 stubs  $3 \times 7 \times 3/8$ . 51 vols., 1908-12, 1920-29, in attic over Ira Tudhope's store; 12 vols., 1913-21, in vault; 45 vols., 1930--, shelf in treasurer's office.

44. RATABLE FOLLS (Tax Rate Book), 1910-14, 1930--. 14 vols. Title varies: Tax List, 1932-34, 1936-37, 4 vols.; Taxes, 1933, 1 vol.; Poll Tax, 1934, 1936, 3 vols.; Property Tax, 1935, 1 vol.; no title, 1934, 1935, 1937, 3 vols.

Record of taxes assessed showing name of taxpayer, grand list, amount of tax, notation of payment; includes poll and property taxes combined except for 1934-37. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Aver. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ . Shelf in treasurer's office.

45. (TAX RECEIPTS), 1904, 1906, 1908, 1912-33, 1937--. 51 vols.

Stubs and carbon copies showing year of tax, name of taxpayer, receipt number, amount of grand list, discount, amount of tax, date received, signature of treasurer; 1936-- adds old age assistance tax. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50-100 stubs aver.  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 14 vols., 1904, 1906, 1908, 1924, 1926-28, attic over Ira Tudhope's store; 22 vols., 1912-25, vault; 15 vols., 1929--, shelf in treasurer's office.

46. (RECEIPT BOOK STUBS), 1931--. 2 vols.

Stubs of receipts for monies received from state, town clerk, tax collector and other sources showing name of payer, date, purpose and amount. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs  $3 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Shelf in treasurer's office.

47. TOWN OF NORTH HERO BRIDGE BOOK (Toll Bridge Accounts), 1886-95. 2 vols.

Date, name of payer, whether pedestrian or team, amount of toll,

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one way or round trip, daily total receipts. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 185-585 pp. aver. 12 x 6 x 1-3/4.

#### V. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY

Three trustees of public money were elected at a special meeting held December 31, 1836 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 56; see entry 1). Trustees were elected annually from that time until 1931 except in the years 1853, 1874, and 1881 when no mention was made of the election of these officers. From 1838 to 1852 inclusive three trustees were elected; after 1854 only one trustee was elected annually for a term of one year. Since 1931 the treasurer has taken over the duties of the trustee. For financial reports see entry 3-xv.

#### VI. AUDITORS

At the first recorded town meeting held March 3, 1832 two committees consisting of three members were elected (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). One committee was to settle and adjust the accounts of the treasurer; the other the accounts of the overseer of poor. Similar committees were elected annually from 1832 to 1840 inclusive except in the year 1834 when the selectmen acted as a committee to settle and adjust the accounts of the overseer. From 1841 to 1918 inclusive three auditors were elected annually. In 1919 three auditors were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Since 1920 one auditor has been elected annually for a term of three years. For reports as compiled by the auditors and filed with the town clerk see entry 3.

#### VII. TAX COLLECTOR

At the first recorded meeting held March 3, 1832, the town voted to have the first constable act as tax collector (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). This same procedure has been followed since that time.

#### 48. DELINQUENT TAX BOOK, 1902--. 35 vols.

Name of taxpayer, amount of tax due, notations showing amount and date of payments. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 50 pp. 6 x 4 x 1/4. At residence of H. Hazen, constable.

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Board of Civil Authority;  
School Directors

49. TAX RECEIPT (Stubs), 1935--. 3 vols.

Stubs of delinquent receipts issued showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, amount and date paid. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 stubs  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . At residence of H. Hazen, constable.

VIII. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1860 (Laws, 1860, No. 23). In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board. During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties were performed by the board of civil authority. Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen, meeting with two or more listers, abated taxes.

IX. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature in 1839 (Laws, 1839, sec. 51, pp. 118-119). In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member. Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. For check lists as revised by this board see entry 5.

50. (BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETINGS), 1902--. In vols. 12, 16 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-iv.

Minutes of meetings showing place and date of meeting, business transacted, occasionally name(s) of signor(s)-clerk or members of the board, date received and recorded, clerk's attest.

X. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Three school directors were elected for the first time at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1893 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 12, p. 185; see entry 1). They were elected as follows: one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Since 1894 one director has been elected annually for a term of three years. Prior to 1893 the duties now performed by the school directors were administered by a committee of three persons called super-

intending committee of common schools and superintendents of schools named in the order in which they were active. The committee members were elected in the years 1832-34. Two superintendents were elected in 1846, and one for each of the following years: 1847-49, 1851, 1853-57, 1859-82, 1884-88, 1891-92. In the years 1839-90 one person was elected, but referred to as a member of the county board of education. During the period 1835-45, 1850, 1852, 1858, 1883 there is no mention of the election of these officers. For financial reports see entry 3-xi.

51. (SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETINGS), 1933--. 3 vols.

Minutes of meetings showing date of meeting, elections of chairman and truant officer, and other school business transacted. Also contains:

i. Itemized expenditures for building a new schoolhouse showing number, purpose, amount and date of order; name of payee; vol. for 1936.

ii. School Director's Account Book, 1937--, entry 54.

Chron. entry. No index. Vols. for 1933-36 hdw.; vol. for 1937--, hdw. and typed. Aver. 100 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 2 vols., 1933-36, at residence of Mrs. G. Way, former school director; 1 vol., 1937--, at residence of Mrs. K. B. Tudhope, school director.

52. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1887--. 120 vols. Missing 1888-1902, 1906-7, 1910-17.

Certification of report by teacher; list of teachers with description of certificate; attendance data; visitor's register; annual school statistics by teacher; detailed daily attendance record; record of registration of pupils; list of transfers, reentries and withdrawals; list of non-resident pupils; record of transportation and board of pupils. Attendance records arr. alph. by surname of pupil; no arr. for remainder of material. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp.  $11\text{-}3\frac{3}{4} \times 9 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ . 28 vols., 1887, 1903-5, 1908-9, room over town clerk's office; 92 vols., 1918--, attic, residence of F. B. Cargill, superintendent of schools, Alburg Village.

53. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1921-22, 1925-27, 1932--. 11 vols.

Attendance by schools, questionnaire of information, student progress, promotion record, health services, school tax, valuation and assessments, receipts and expenditures, list of students whose tuition outside town is paid by town, signatures of school directors and superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp.  $11 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Desk.

54. SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S ACCOUNT BOOK, 1918--. 1 vol. 1937-- also in vol. for 1937-- of (School Directors' Meetings), entry 51-ii.

Record of orders drawn by school directors showing date and number of order, total amount broken down under teachers' wages and board, director's services and expenses, repairs, furniture, water, fuel, lights, janitor, pupils' transportation and board, tuitions to

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other towns, supplies, appliances, text books, new buildings, sundries, insurance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 480 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. At residence of Mrs. K. B. Tudhope, school director.

55. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1929---. 18 vols.

Name of payee, number, amount, date, and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 110 stubs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 14 vols., 1929-35, at residence of Mrs. G. Way, former school director; 4 vols., 1936---, at residence of Mrs. K. B. Tudhope, school director.

56. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1937---. 1 file box.

Bills showing statement for supplies or services with receipt of cash thereon; teachers' contracts showing name and address of teacher, period of contract, salary, agreements, date, signature of teacher, approval and signature of superintendent of schools, also signatures of school directors and chairman; fire insurance policies; and miscellaneous correspondence. Arr. alph. by type of contents. No index. Hdw., some hdw. or typed on printed forms. 12 x 12 x 3. At residence of Mrs. K. B. Tudhope, school director.

57. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Records, 1832-90. 1 vol.

Warnings and minutes of school district meetings: warnings show place and date meeting to be held; articles to be voted on, date of warning; minutes show date meeting held, appointment or election of officers, action taken by voters on articles of warning and other business; attest of school district clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. (77 pp. used)  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

## XI. ROAD COMMISSIONER

From 1832 to 1892 the town was divided into highway districts varying in number from 3 to 11 and one or more surveyors were elected for each district. The first highway surveyors were elected at the first recorded meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 3; see entry 1). From 1893-1902, 1906 to date the town elected one road commissioner for a term of one year. In 1903 one road commissioner was elected for a three year term. In 1904-5 either no one was elected to this office or his name was overlooked when transcribing the minutes of the meetings. For financial reports see entry 3-x.

58. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1934---. 8 vols.

Name of payee, number, amount, date, and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 6 vols., 1934-37, residence of J. E. Durhan, former road commissioner; 2 vols., 1938--- residence of Bert Moore, road commissioner.



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59. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1893-1917, 1931. 1893-1917 scattered dates in vols. 12, 13 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xxiv; 1931 in vol. 14 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 9-vi.

Record of statement by selectmen as to number of miles of traveled highways not including pent roads, number of miles of new or discontinued roads if any, total mileage, attest of selectmen, affidavit, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original certificates, 1936-- , see entry 34-x.

60. (ROAD SURVEYS AND LAYOUTS), 1797, 1815, 1842-99. 1797, 1815 in vols. 1, 3 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Record(s), entry 9-vii; 1842-99 scattered dates in vols. 5, 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xxv.

Location and description of survey of road, date of survey, name of signer-surveyor, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally purpose and establishment of road, names of signers-selectmen.

## XII. OVERSEER OF POOR

One overseer of the poor was elected at the annual meeting held March 20, 1841 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 88; see entry 1). The selectmen acted as overseer in the years 1839-40, 1846, 1848-55, 1856, 1863 and 1865. Since 1841 one overseer has been elected annually with the exception of the above years. No mention is made as to whom should perform these duties prior to 1839 but it was common practice for the selectmen to assume them. For financial reports see entry 3-ix.

61. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1936-- . 2 vols.

Name of payee, number, amount, date and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 vol., 1936, at residence of Charles Tudhope, former overseer of poor; 1 vol., 1937-- , at residence of L. Dubuque, overseer of poor.

## XIII. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Five cemetery commissioners were elected at the annual town meeting held March 2, 1909 for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 12, p. 424; see entry 1). In 1910 one commissioner was elected for a term of five years. No commissioners were elected in the years 1911-12 and 1915-29. In 1913 five commissioners were elected as in 1909 and in 1914 one commissioner was elected for a five year term. In 1930 the same procedure was followed as in 1909 and since 1930 one commissioner has been elected annually to serve for a term of five years. For financial reports see entry 3-iii.

Library Trustees; Moderator;  
Constable; Town Agent; Grand  
Juror

#### XIV. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected for the first time at an annual meeting held March 4, 1913 for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 12, p. 478; see entry 1). Since 1913 a trustee or commissioner has been elected annually for a term of five years. This office keeps no records. For librarians' report see entry 3-vi.

#### XV. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first recorded meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). Since that time one moderator has been elected annually. This office keeps no records.

#### XVI. CONSTABLE

At the annual meeting held March 3, 1832 the town elected one constable (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 11; see entry 1). Since then there has been one constable elected annually. The constable has always served as tax collector. As constable this officer keeps no records; for records kept as tax collector see entries 48, 49.

#### XVII. TOWN AGENT

The first town agent was elected March 20, 1841 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 88; see entry 1). Since then one agent has been elected annually. This office keeps no records.

#### XVIII. GRAND JUROR

A grand juror was elected at the first recorded town meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 1). With the exception of the years 1905,

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Viewers; Poundkeepers

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1917-18, 1926, there has been a grand juror elected annually since that time. The number elected varied from one to three. This office keeps no records.

## XIX. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint a health officer in each town (Laws, 1892, No. 82). The health officer with the selectmen of the town act as a board of health. For reports see entry 3-v.

## XX. FENCE VIEWERS

Fence viewers were elected annually from 1832 to 1906 inclusive and in 1908. The number elected varied from two to three. Fence viewers were elected at the first recorded meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). The selectmen appointed three fence viewers in 1913 and 1917. No mention was made in the minutes of the meetings of the appointment or election of these officers only in the above mentioned years. This office kept no records.

62. (FENCE VIEWERS' DECISIONS), 1838, 1847-1900. 1838, 1888 in vols. 7, 10 of (Land and Miscellaneous Record(s)), entry 9-iv; 1847-1900 scattered dates in vols. 5, 6, 12 of Record (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records), entry 1-xi.

Record of decisions made by fence viewers showing place and date of decision, names of disputants, decision, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, clerk's attest.

## XXI. POUNDKEEPERS

At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1832 the voters elected two poundkeepers to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). From two to three poundkeepers were elected annually for the years 1832-65. For the years 1865-1911 no one filled this office for the reason that the town voted that every man's yard be a pound and every man a poundkeeper and this eliminated the office. The selectmen appointed poundkeepers in 1912, but since that date they have only been appointed when an occasion arose which necessitated the office. The number appointed is usually six. This office keeps no records.

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Sealer of Weights and Measures; Inspector of Leather; Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood; Inspector of Coal

## XXII. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A sealer of weights and measures was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1872 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). There was one sealer elected annually in the years 1853-66, 1863-71, 1873-75. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1876.

## XXIII. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

A leather sealer was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1832 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 9; see entry 1). One officer was elected annually for the years 1852-78, 1880-38, 1890, 1906, and 1908. The office went out of existence in 1909. In 1846 the name of leather sealer was changed to inspector of leather. During the intermittent years as indicated herewith no record of the election of this officer could be found. This office kept no records.

## XXIV. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD

One inspector of lumber, shingles and wood was elected at the annual town meeting held March 7, 1882 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 6, p. 483; see entry 1). The town elected one inspector for the years 1862-86, 1890-1906, 1908, 1913 and 1917. For the intermittent years as shown above either no one was elected to this office, or the then recording officer failed to show it. In 1918 this non-record keeping office became defunct.

## XXV. INSPECTOR OF COAL

One inspector of coal was appointed by the selectmen March 10, 1913 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 16, p. 1; see entry 1). One inspector was also appointed in 1917 but no record could be found of appointments for the years 1914-16. This non-record keeping office went out of existence in 1918.

XXVI. TYTHINGMEN

One tythingman was elected at an annual meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 10; see entry 1). From 1832-40 tythingmen were elected at each annual meeting. They varied in number from one to two. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1841.

XXVII. HAYWARDS

Six haywards were elected at an annual meeting held March 3, 1832 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 5, p. 10; see entry 1). From 1832-40 haywards were elected annually, except in 1838 when no mention was made of this election. The number elected varied from four to seven. This office kept no records and ceased to exist after 1840.



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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### SOUTH HERO

(For early history see Historical Sketch of Two Heroes.)

South Hero Island is made up of the towns of South Hero and Grand Isle. The southern half of the island is South Hero and the Northern half is Grand Isle.

Originally the town of South Hero covered the entire island. It was incorporated October 27, 1788 when the town of Two Heroes was divided.<sup>1</sup> This town proved to be too large and on September 17, 1792<sup>2</sup> the people voted to petition the legislature for a division. It was not, however, until 1798 that the legislature passed a law creating the town of Middle Hero, (Grand Isle) which became the north half of the island.<sup>3</sup> The southern half retained the name of South Hero. These two towns were represented jointly at the state legislature until 1810.<sup>4</sup>

The records of the town of South Hero for the period from 1788 to 1798 are now in the office of the town clerk for Grand Isle. The first town meeting was held March 10, 1789. Ebenezer Allen, who was also a selectman and the representative to the state legislature, was elected town clerk. The meeting elected five selectmen. They were Alexander Gordon, Ephraim Duel, William Hazen, Stephen Pearl, and Ebenezer Allen.

Colonel Ebenezer Allen was the first settler in South Hero. Allen was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, and moved to Poultney, Vermont, in 1771. Later he lived in Tinnmouth and while there was elected a delegate to the convention at Dorset which declared the independence of Vermont and to the convention at Windsor which formed Vermont's constitution. He was also one of the proprietors and first settlers of Fair Haven. During the Revolution he was a captain in Colonel Herrick's Rangers.

Allen settled on the south shore of South Hero at the place now called Allen's Point. He was a hard worker and a good farmer. The first year after his arrival he cleared land enough to raise some wheat and corn and planted the first apple orchard. From this beginning the islands have become a leading apple raising district. Colonel Allen also built the first blacksmith's shop. General Ethan Allen visited South Hero February 11, 1789. He

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1. Laws of Vermont, 1788, p. 7.
  2. Land, Town Meeting, and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 22.
  3. Laws of Vermont, 1798, pp. 42-44.
  4. Laws of Vermont, 1809, ch. 13, p. 11.

remained over night with his namesake Ebenezer Allen and it was on his return the next day that he suffered the stroke of apoplexy which caused his death.<sup>5</sup> In 1787 Ebenezer Allen enlarged his dwelling and turned it into a tavern and it was no doubt at this tavern that Prince Edward stopped in February 1793, when he traveled from Canada to Massachusetts.<sup>6</sup>

Much trouble was experienced in the care of hogs in the early days. Hogs were allowed to run at large and a corps of hog howards or hog constables was elected to bring the wandering swine back to their owners. There was apparently much merriment in the filling of this office. If a man aspired to a town office and failed to receive the appointment, he was sure to be made a hog howard. If he had done anything mean or niggardly, he was named to this remunerative office. At one of the early town meetings nearly all the voters not receiving appointment to a regular town office were made hog howards.<sup>7</sup>

As was customary in the early days of this state the citizens in town meeting made proper arrangements for the preaching of the gospel. On June 1, 1789 it was voted to, "Raise a tax of three pence on a pound, to pay a minister---said tax to be paid to the collector, by the first day of December following, in wheat at four shillings per bushel, or Indian corn at three shillings." At various meetings for a number of years votes were taken and committees appointed to procure a minister. On September 3, 1793 a call was sent to a Rev. Mr. Williams.<sup>8</sup> His salary was to be sixty pounds a year, but there is no record that the Rev. Mr. Williams ever accepted the call.<sup>9</sup>

In 1792 the first Methodist minister came to South Hero. He was the Rev. William Anson and was sent as a missionary by the Troy Conference. It is said that on his way he was informed that, "The inhabitants were living in a savage state and he would not be likely to benefit them by his labors." However Mr. Anson pushed on and reached the sand bar on Saturday afternoon July 3. An old raft was the only means of crossing the three miles of intervening water. The minister was twice driven back by adverse winds, but finally reached the other side. The next day, July 4, he announced his calling and preached at the house of Thomas Dixon.<sup>10</sup>

5. History of Vermont, Crockett, New York, 1922, vol. 2, p. 435.
6. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, pp. 579-582.
7. ibid., p. 572.
8. Land, Town Meeting, and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 4, p. 27.
9. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, p. 571.
10. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vt., 1871, vol. 2, pp. 579-582.



The Congregational Church was organized in 1795. There were seven members and the Rev. Asa Lyon was the first minister. Mr. Lyon served as pastor for forty-five years and his successor Rev. Orville G. Wheeler was minister for forty-seven years.<sup>11</sup>

The Congregationalist and the Methodists of South Hero and Grand Isle until 1919 worked together as one religious community. The Congregational minister lived in South Hero and the Methodist minister lived in Grand Isle. They preached in each town on alternate Sundays and the people of both towns attended church each Sunday and listened to the minister whose turn it was to preach.

An Episcopal service was conducted in Grand Isle in the year 1881 by Rev. Charles Fay. There never has been an organized church, however, and the people of this denomination have either gone to Burlington or attended the community service. In late years a rustic little chapel has been erected on the west shore of Grand Isle and the Rev. Dr. John D. Hopkins of Chicago, a summer resident, conducts the service.

The Roman Catholic church is now well established in South Hero. Child's Directory refers to a Catholic church at Keeler's Bay in 1880, but since 1907 when Father LaChance was the priest, there have been regular services at South Hero.

In March Meeting, 1793, it was voted to hold the church meetings in the Sand Bar District School House. During most of the time that has passed since the founding of South Hero there have been four elementary school districts. The seventh and eighth grades were held in the Grammar School which was located in the room over the town hall. In 1920 the Methodists discontinued their services in South Hero and turned the church over to the town for use as a school. The building was remodeled and since then all the children have been transported to this central school.

Students who desire a high school education have always had to go to other towns. Most of them go to high school in Burlington. Around 1910 Mrs. Fannie A. Stevens conducted a school called Maple Lawn Academy, but it was soon discontinued. South Hero island was originally completely forested. There was a lot of hard wood as well as spruce and pine. The early settlers became comparatively wealthy in the lumber business. They cleared their land and shipped the lumber down the Richelieu to Montreal in huge rafts.

After the land was cleared South Hero became a sheep raising country as did most of the towns in Vermont. Now dairying is the main interest and the South Hero Creamery Association handles the product.

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11. ibid.

Due to lack of a large population and the almost non-existence of water power South Hero has never had manufacturing to any extent. There have been cider mills, saw mills, and grist mills at various times and places. Around 1880 there were two lumber mills in town and James Dougherty made carriages and sleighs. When apple growing was at its height barrels were made at South Hero.

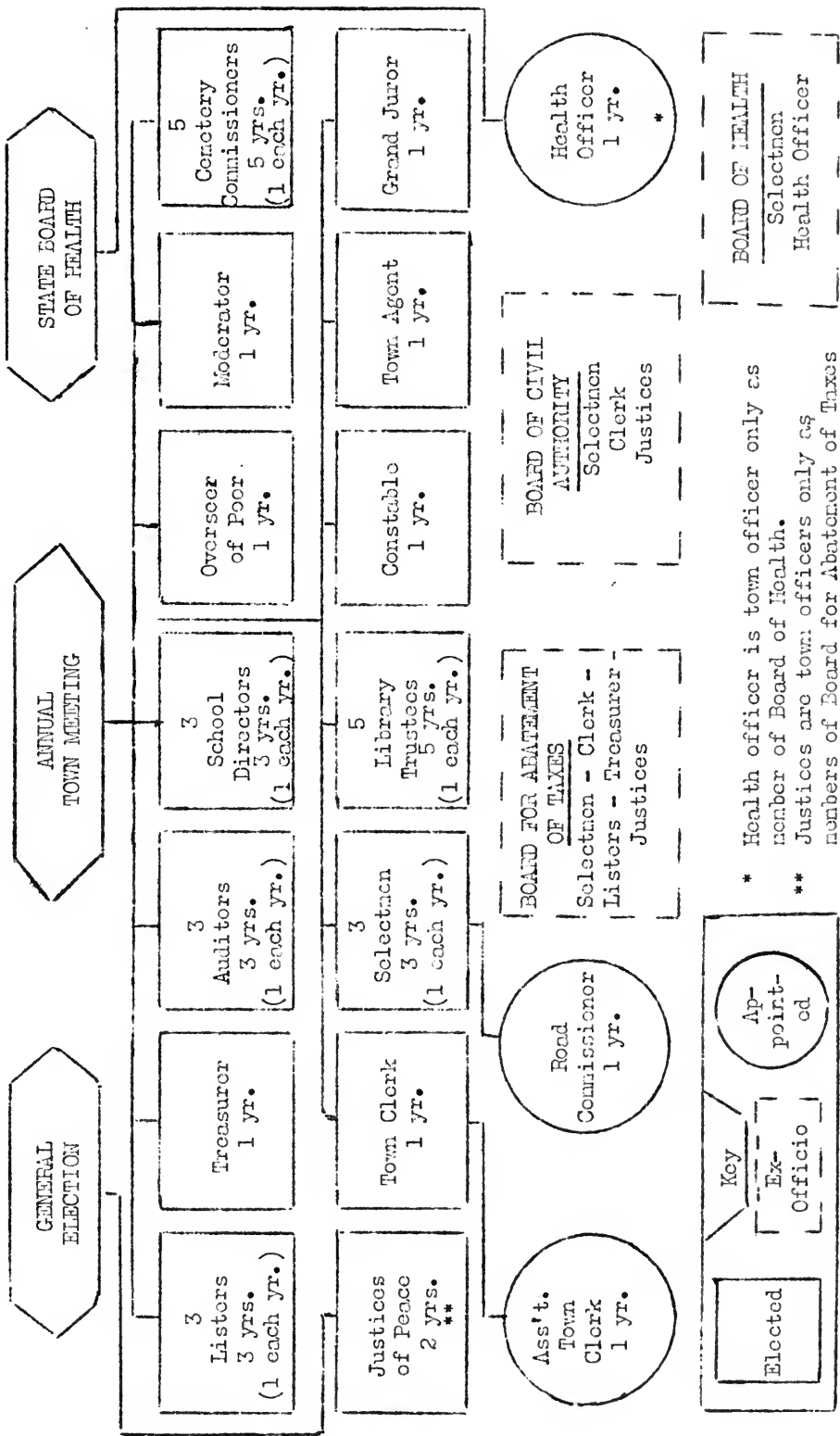
In 1847 the town started what might be called its most important community project. This was the bridge over the sand bar to Milton. The total distance was about three miles of which one mile was across open water and two miles through a swamp. The bridge was chartered by O. G. Wheeler, Melvin Barnes, and thirty-three others and the capital stock was \$25,000. The bridge was open to traffic December 5, 1850. First toll rates were twenty cents for single team, twenty-five cents for double teams, thirty-eight cents for four-horse teams, man on foot five cents. The cost of keeping this bridge in repair usually amounted to about as much as the receipts and it was finally turned over to the state.<sup>12</sup>

South Hero has the Arthur Hall Memorial Library and is also a member with other towns in the county of an Inter-Library Loan Association.

Census figures show population of South Hero to have been as follows: 1800-678; 1830-717; 1840-664; 1850-705; 1860-617; 1870-586; 1880-620; 1890-559; 1900-917; 1910-605; 1920-606; 1930-641

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12. Laws of 1841, no. 84.



\* Health officer is town officer only as member of Board of Health.

\*\* Justices are town officers only as members of Board for Abatement of Taxes and Board of Civil Authority.

Key

Elected

Ap-pointed

Ex-Officio

(First entry, p. 215)

## HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

All the records in the inventory of the town of South Hero except the records of the selectmen, treasurer, tax collector, road commissioner, overseer of poor, cemetery commissioners, library trustees and school directors, are kept in the office at the residence of the town clerk, Mrs. Myrtle Robinson, or in the safe at Robinson's Hardware Store. Unless otherwise specified all records are located in the town clerk's office, where no other location is given the records are in the safe. Some records are kept in the attic over the office.

The building in which the office is located is a one and one half story wooden structure built in 1929, and located on U. S. route #2. It is in no way fireproof and in case of fire the records would undoubtedly be damaged.

The office is small but well heated and lighted and furnishes adequate accommodations for one or two researchers. The town clerk offers the use of her living room to anyone examining the records in case the office is overcrowded.

The records of the selectmen, treasurer, tax collector, road commissioner, overseer of poor, cemetery commissioners, library trustees and school directors are located at their respective residences as is noted in the inventory. Some of the school records are kept at the residence of the superintendent of schools.

## TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

### I. TOWN CLERK

At the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 one town clerk was elected for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). The records show that a town clerk has been elected annually in the years 1787-97 and 1817 to date. In 1887 an assistant clerk was appointed for the first time and one has usually been appointed since that date.

#### Governmental

1. (CHARTER OF TWO HEROES, RECORD OF), October 27, 1779. In vol. 1 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-vii. Original charter in Dennington Historical Museum, Old Dennington, Vt. Also a copy in vol. 2, pp. 192-195 of State Papers of Vermont, Vermont Charters, published by authority, Bellows Falls, Vt., P. H. Gobie Press, Inc., 1922.

Record of charter granted by Vermont to named proprietors of Two Heroes (now divided into towns of North Hero, Grand Isle and South Hero) defining boundaries, setting off public lands, conditions of grant, names of signers-governor and secretary, name of signer-deputy secretary, date received and recorded, attest of proprietor's clerk.

2. (TOWN PLAT OF SOUTH HERO), 1783-84. 2 maps.

Photostat copies made in 1905 of a plan or chart of the town of South Hero taken from the original town plat of the island now containing the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero showing lot numbering and boundaries of town. Franklin H. Dewart. Black and white. One, framed. 1":20 chains. 20 x 17. One, on wall of office; one, unframed in Robinson's Hardware store.

For original plan of the island now containing the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero, see Grand Isle inventory, entry 1.

3. (TOWN PLAT OF GRAND ISLE), 1783-84. 1 map.

A blueprint copy made in 1905 of a plan or chart of the town of Grand Isle taken from the original town plat of the island now containing the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero showing lot numbering and boundaries of towns. Franklin H. Dewart. Blueprint. 1":20 chains. 32 x 20. Safe in Robinson's store.

For original plan of the island now containing the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero, see Grand Isle inventory, entry 1.

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4. TOWN MEETINGS (and Miscellaneous Records), 1768---. 3 vols. (1-3). Town Meetings, 1786-97 in vols. 2, 3 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxix. Missing 1798-1816. Title varies: Record, 1768-1916, vol. 2.

Warnings and minutes of annual and special town meetings, 1817---: warnings show place and date meeting to be held, articles to be voted on, names of signers-selectmen, occasionally date recorded, clerk's attest; minutes show place and date meeting held, election of officers, officers' reports, action taken on articles of warning and other town affairs, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For related warning records see entry 7-xxd.

Also contains:

- i. (Articles of Association), 1909, 1927, entry 17.
- ii. Auditors' reports, 1828, 1861, 1863-64, 1866, 1871-1917, showing the year; receipts and disbursements under departmental headings such as treasurer, selectmen, school, highway, comotery, overseer of the poor; balance on hand in treasury at end of year; list of accounts allowed for services rendered by town officials; names of signers-auditors; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 1-3. For subsequent related records, 1918---, see entry 7-i; for original papers, 1910, see entry 50-iii.
- iii. (Births, Family Records), 1768-1860, entry 28.
- iv. (Board for Abatement of Taxes Meetings), 1919--- scattered dates, entry 66.
- v. (Caucus Records), 1918--- scattered dates, entry 6.
- vi. (Deaths, Family Records), 1814-1911 scattered dates, entry 31.
- vii. (Earmarks of Cattle, Sheep and Swine), 1818-50 scattered dates, entry 27.
- viii. (Freemen's Meetings), 1817---, entry 5.
- ix. (Freemen's Oaths), 1817--- scattered dates, entry 8.
- x. Justices of the peace, lists of, 1897-1931 scattered dates, showing name of town, names of justices, name of signer-county clerk; after 1900 adds date oath was taken; county clerk's certificate of receipt of oaths; town clerk's attest; vols. 2, 3. For original papers, 1923, 1925-31 scattered dates, see entry 50-xiii.
- xi. (Liquor Licenses), 1933---, entry 48.
- xii. (Marriage Records), 1796-1853, entry 29.
- xiii. (Officers' Appointments), 1865--- scattered dates, entry 10.
- xiv. (Officers' Bonds, Record of), 1899-1935 scattered dates, entry 11.
- xv. (Officers' Oaths, Record of), 1825--- scattered dates, entry 13.
- xvi. (Pole Line Permits), 1928, entry 26.
- xvii. Record (School Directors' Meetings), 1911-31 scattered dates, entry 68.
- xviii. (Roads Discontinued), 1900, entry 78.

- xix. (Road Mileages), 1889-1935 scattered dates entry 76,
- xx. (Road Surveys and Layouts), 1900, entry 77.
- xxi. School district reports, 1858-59, showing school district number, number of pupils, number of weeks taught by male or female teacher, amount of wages paid, cost of board for teachers for the year, cost of fuel and incidentals, name of signer-school district clerk, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 1.
- xxii. School money, division of, 1874-90 scattered dates, showing year, school district number, amount allotted each district, names of signers-selectmen, occasionally date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxiii. School property appraisal, 1886, 1893, showing date of appraisal, school district number, description of property, valuation of each district, total valuation of all property, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2. For original papers, 1893, see entry 50-xxi.
- xxiv. Statistical report of produce raised, 1846, 1877, showing name of person making report, date of report, kind and amount of produce raised, valuation; 1846 also shows same information for livestock; clerk's attest; vols. 1, 2.
- xxv. Teacher's licenses, 1846, 1857-58, showing place and date issued, name and qualifications of teacher, date of examination, term of license, name of signer-county superintendent of schools, clerk's attest; 1857-58 omits qualifications, name of signer-town superintendent in place of county superintendent; date recorded; vol. 1.
- xxvi. Text book committee reports, 1879-80, showing names of books selected and names of publishers, agreement with publishers, names of signers-committee and agent for publishers, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxvii. Town clerk, certificate of election, 1915-- scattered dates, showing date of certificate, date of meeting, name of town clerk elected, term of office, name of signer-moderator; vols. 2, 3.
- xxviii. Turkey marks, 1910-11, showing the name of owner, description of mark, date of certificate, name of signer-owner, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xxix. Voter's declaration of residence, 1924-32 scattered dates, showing name and address of voter, declaration of intention to retain residence for voting privileges, name of signer-voter, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xxx. Warnings for meetings of auditors, 1921-32 scattered dates, showing place and date meeting to be held, purpose of meeting, names of signers-auditors, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 3.
- xxxi. (Warnings for Meetings of Board of Civil Authority), 1920-- scattered dates, entry 67.

Chron. entry. Vols. 1, 3, 1795-1869, 1916-- , no index; vol. 2, 1768-1916, partially indexed alph. under first letter of type of content. Hdw. Aver. 360 pp. 13 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

5. (FREEMEN'S MEETINGS), 1790-97, 1817-- . 1790-97 in vols. 2, 3 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xiii; 1817-- in vols. 1-3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-viii.

Record of warnings and minutes of freemen's meetings for primary and general elections of county, state and federal officers: warnings show place, date and time meeting to be held; purpose of meeting; name of signer-warning official; occasionally date and place warning was posted; and minutes show date and place meeting held, list of candidates, tabulation of votes, first constable's attest; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 50-vii and xviii.

6. (CAUCUS RECORDS), 1918-- scattered dates. In vol. 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-v.

Record of caucuses showing place and date of meeting, election of chairman and secretary, list of persons nominated for public office or town committee, names of signers-secretary and occasionally of chairman, affidavit, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For related records see entry 50-vii and xviii.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS, 1918-- . 2 vols. and duplicates for 1921, 1923, 1925-27, 1930-- . Also report for 1916 and duplicates for 1918, 1920-- , in Vermont State Library at Montpelier. Title varies: Town Reports, 1918-37, 1 vol.

Contains:

- i. Auditors' recapitulation of receipts, disbursements and balances; recommendations; names of auditors. For prior related records, 1828-1917 scattered dates, see entry 4-ii; for original papers, 1910, see entry 50-iii.
- ii. Births, reports of, 1924, showing date of birth, names of child and parents. For birth records see entry 28.
- iii. Cemetery commissioners' account showing list of receipts and expenditures.
- iv. Cemetery trust funds, 1937-- , showing amount of trust funds, amount of interest, name of trustee of public funds.
- v. Comparative chart of school expenditures for previous six years, 1934.
- vi. Comparative chart of town indebtedness, 1933-35: 1933-34 showing indebtedness for previous 15 year period; 1935-- for previous ten year period.
- vii. Delinquent taxes, 1922: tax collector's report showing amount of delinquent taxes for 1918-21.
- viii. General town accounts showing itemized list of receipts and expenditures.



- ix. Library trustees' reports, 1920-21, 1923--, showing receipts and expenditures; 1924-- adds names of library trustees.
  - x. Old age assistance report, 1937, showing amount received from state, and tax paid to state during fiscal year.
  - xi. Poor account, 1918-21, 1923--: overseer's of poor reports showing list of expenditures; 1921 also adds receipts.
  - xii. School directors' reports showing list of receipts and expenditures, occasionally adds school census, recommendations, name of chairman of school board; 1936-- adds estimate of expenses for ensuing year.
  - xiii. State account, 1918-21: general account with state showing aid received from state for town schools and highways, amount paid to state for taxes.
  - xiv. State and permanent highway accounts showing itemized receipts and expenditures; 1920 and 1922 combined with town highway report.
  - xv. Summary of loans, 1932--, showing amount of loan, interest, amount paid.
  - xvi. Tax summary, 1922--, showing total tax recommended, amount of appropriation of taxes, amount of grand list, total taxes collected and arrears.
  - xvii. Town highway report showing itemized list of receipts and disbursements; 1920 and 1922 combined with state and permanent highway reports.
  - xviii. Town officers, list of, showing name of office and incumbent(s).
  - xix. Treasurer's accounts showing itemized list of receipts and disbursements of the town officers.
  - xx. Vital statistics, 1920--, showing number of births, deaths and marriages; 1923--adds number of communicable diseases. For birth, marriage and death records see entries 28, 29 and 31 respectively.
  - xxi. Warnings for annual town meeting, 1937, showing place, date and time meeting to be held; officers to be elected; list of articles to be voted on; date of warning; names of selectmen. For related records see entry 4.
- No arr. No index. Printed. 300-20 pp. 9 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 8-3/4 x 6 x 1/8.

- 8. (FREEMEN'S OATHS), 1786-97, 1817-- scattered dates. 1786-97 in vols. 2, 3 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xiv; 1817-- scattered dates in vols. 1-3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-ix.

List of persons taking freemen's oaths showing names of persons, clerk's attest or occasional name of justice of peace administering oath. Usually noted in minutes of town and freemen's meetings.

9. LEDGER (Check List of Voters), 1920--. 2 vols. Title varies: no title, 1920-34, 1 vol.  
Alphabetical list of voters entered under the first letter of surname together with check mark or cross indicating casting of ballot. No index. Hdw. 52-140 pp. 14 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Top of safe.
10. (OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS), 1865-- scattered dates. In vols. 1-3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xiii.  
Date and term of appointment, name of appointee, name(s) of signer(s)- appointing official(s), occasionally date recorded, clerk's attest.
11. (OFFICERS' BONDS, RECORD OF), 1936--. 1 vol. 1899-1935 scattered dates in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xiv.  
Names of principal and surety; date, amount and conditions of bond; name of office bonded for; names of signers-principal, surety, and witness(es); date of acceptance and approval, names of signers-selectmen; date and time filed and recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
For original bonds, 1919-- scattered dates, see entry 12.
12. (OFFICERS' BONDS). 1919-- scattered dates. 1 bundle. Unbound original bonds showing information as in entry 11. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed forms. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Safe in Robinson's store.
13. (OFFICERS' OATHS, RECORD OF), 1825-- scattered dates. In vols. 1-3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xv.  
Name of office and officer, oath, date oath was taken, names of signers-officer and administering official, occasionally date recorded, clerk's attest. Statement "sworn" following the record of the election, or a mark against name with explanatory note at the end of the minutes, of a list of officers who have taken the oath noted at the end of minutes of meeting, most often shown in lieu of complete oath record.  
For original oaths, 1920-- scattered dates, see entry 50-xvii.

#### Property Titles

14. (Land and Miscellaneous) RECORDS, 1775--. 16 vols. (1-16). Title varies: Land Records, 1870-87, vol. 11; no title, 1779-1812, 1855-70, vols. 1-5, 10.  
Land records, 1779--: deeds, mortgages, assignments, indentures, wills, leases and other instruments affecting real estate showing

names of principal(s), consideration, description of property, conditions of instrument, recital of title, date of instrument, signatures of principal(s) and witness(es), acknowledgment, date and time of recording and clerk's attest; occasionally showing marginal notation of discharge of mortgage deeds.

For original papers, 1863-- , see entry 16.

Also contains:

- i. (Articles of Association), 1916, 1918, entry 17.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1846-47, 1859, 1907, 1926, entry 22.
- iii. (Births, Family Records), 1775-1800, entry 28.
- iv. Business licenses, 1851, showing name and address of licensee, location and kind of business, term of license, date license was granted, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 9.
- v. (Cemetery Deeds), 1897-- scattered dates, entry 18.
- vi. Certificate of church membership, 1793-94, showing name of member, name and location of church, name of signer-rector or clerk of the church, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 4.
- vii. (Charter of Two Heroes, Record of), 1779, entry 1.
- viii. (Earmarks of Cattle, Sheep and Swine), 1786-1817, entry 27.
- ix. Estray notice, 1790, showing date stray was found, name of owner, description of animal, date of notice, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- x. Executions, 1795-1890: record of writs of executions showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, name and location of court, date judgment was rendered, accounting of damages and costs awarded, instructions to officers, date of execution, name of signer-court; officer's return of service of writ showing name of defendant, occasionally name of plaintiff, recital of authority, date and place of demand upon debtor, description of property levied on, occasionally appointment of appraisers, amount of appraised value, amount of proceeds if property is sold, date and place of filing of copy, attest of serving officer, account of fees; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 3-12.
- xi. Fence viewers' decisions, 1819-1913 scattered dates, showing date of decision, names and addresses of disputants, description of fence to be built or maintained by each, names of signers-fence viewers, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 6, 8, 9, 11-13.
- xii. First division of lots in the township of the Two Heroes, 1784, showing date of division, proprietor's name, location of lot, date recorded, attest of proprietor's clerk; vol. 1.
- xiii. (Freemen's Meetings), 1790-97, entry 5.
- xiv. (Freemen's Oaths), 1786-97, entry 8.
- xv. Justice of the peace report of fines, 1794-96, showing year, name of justice, name of offender, amount of

- fine, occasionally nature of offense, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 2.
- xvi. Land surveys, 1786-1829 scattered dates, showing date of survey, name of owner, lot and/or division number, description of boundaries, names of signers-surveyor and committeemen, date recorded, clerk's attest; vols. 3-6, 8.
  - xvii. Land taxes and vendues, 1785, 1791, 1798, 1808, 1813, showing name of town, amount of tax, authority for tax, final date of payment, location and date of vendue, date of warning of vendue, name of signer-collector; record of vendue showing name of owner, name of person to whom sold, date of sale, amount of land sold; occasionally treasurer's tax warrant showing name and address of collector, recital of authority for tax, amount and purpose of tax, where payable, kind of money acceptable, instructions to collector, place and date of issuance of warrant, name of signer-treasurer; also record of payment of taxes prior to vendue showing name of taxpayer, lot number, number of acres, amount of tax, name of person paying tax, date and attest of selectmen, date and attest of collector; date recorded; clerk's attest; vols. 1, 4-6.
  - xviii. (Lien Notes), 1862-78 scattered dates, entry 20.
  - xix. (Marriage Records), 1775-97, entry 29.
  - xx. Mechanic's liens, 1901, showing name and address of creditor, recital of authority, description of labor performed and materials furnished, name and address of debtor, description of property lien is placed on, amount of debt, recital of agreement or conditions of contract, accounting of debt, date debt was due and payable, date of lien, names of signers-creditor and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 12. For related records see entry 20; for original papers, 1901, 1929, see entry 50-xvi.
  - xxi. Ordination of elders, 1815-16, showing name and office of ordaining official, recital of authority, date and place of ordination, name of person ordained, name of church, statement of qualifications and recommendation, recital of duties, name of signer-ordaining official, date recorded, clerk's attest; vol. 6.
  - xxii. (Pole Line Permits), 1918, 1938, entry 26.
  - xxiii. Records - Conditional Sales, 1877, entry 21.
  - xxiv. Records of Attachments - Personal Property and Real Estate, 1799, 1829-58, entry 19.
  - xxv. Records - Personal Mortgages, 1900, entry 25.
  - xxvi. (Roads Discontinued), 1873, entry 78.
  - xxvii. (Road Mileages), 1931, 1935-36, 1938, entry 76.
  - xxviii. (Road Surveys and Layouts), 1794-1873 scattered dates, entry 77.

xxix. Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), 1786-97,  
entry 4.

Chron. entry. Vol. 1, 1779-90, partial table of contents; vol. 2, 1775-1817, table of contents; no index in vols. Vols. 3-4, 6-10, 12, 1887-1908, 1786-1870, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee for land records; plaintiff-defendant for attachments and executions. Vol. 5, 1798-1812, no index in vol. Vol. 11, 1870-87, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, occasionally grantee-grantor for land records; plaintiff-defendant for executions. Vols. 13-16, 1908--, indexed alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee. Separate index to land records see entry 15. Vols. 1-13, 15, 1775-1923, 1929--, hdw.; vol. 14, 1923--, hdw. and hdw. on printed forms; vol. 16, 1935--, hdw. on printed forms. 246-933 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 - 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Vols. 1-10, 1779-1870, safe in Robinson's store; vols. 11-16, 1870--, safe in clerk's office.

15. GENERAL INDEX, 1779--. 1 vol.

Index to land records in entry 14 showing names of grantor and grantee, volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. division. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of grantor-grantee, grantee-grantor. Hdw. under printed headings. 430 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1-3/4. Top of safe.

16. (ORIGINAL PAPERS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE), 1863--. 3 bundles.

Original deeds, mortgages, assignments, and other papers affecting real estate showing information as in entry 14. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 9 x 4 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe in Robinson's store.

17. (ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION), 1909, 1916, 1918, 1927.  
1909, 1927 in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-i; 1916, 1918 in vol. 13 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-i.

Name, purpose, location, place and date of formation of association; recital of authority; number and valuation of shares of stock; names and addresses of members; date recorded; clerk's attest; 1927 adds certification by secretary of state showing name of corporation, date of filing of articles of association, date of certificate, name of signer-secretary of state.

For original papers, 1918-27 scattered dates, see entry 50-i.

18. (CEMETERY DEEDS), 1897-- scattered dates. In vols. 12-14 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-v.

Record of deeds to cemetery lots showing names of principals, consideration, location and description of lot, conditions of instrument, names of signers-maker and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time recorded, clerk's attest.

For original deeds, 1896-1931 scattered dates, see entry 50-x.

19. RECORD OF ATTACHMENTS - PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE, 1886--. 1 vol. 1799, 1829-58 in vols. 4, 8-10 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxiv.

Record of writs of attachments showing names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, ad damnum, summons, place and time of appearance, plea, amount of debt, summons of trustee if any, date of writ, name of signer-court, recognizance of surety for costs of prosecution, amount of bond; court's attest; abstract of above most often recorded in lieu of full attachment showing place and date of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, name and location of court, date and time of hearing, amount of damage; officer's return of service of writ showing name of defendant, place and date attachment was made, description of property attached, date and place of filing, name of signer-serving officer; date recorded; clerk's attest. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of plaintiff-defendant. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/4.

For original papers, 1882-- , see entry 50-ii.

20. (LIEN NOTES), 1862-78, 1884--. 1862-78 scattered dates in vols. 10, 11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xviii; 1884-1921, 1935 in vols. 1-3 of Records - Personal Mortgages, entry 25-iii; 1921-- in vols. 3, 4 of Records - Conditional Sales, entry 21-iii.

Record of lien notes showing name of payee, date and amount of note, description of property, terms of payment, names of signers-maker and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1910, 1930, see entry 50-xiv; for related records see entry 14-xx.

21. RECORDS - CONDITIONAL SALES, 1921--. 2 vols. (3, 4). 1877 in vol. 11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxiii; 1879-1921, 1933, 1935 in vols. 1-3 of Records - Personal Mortgages, entry 25-iv.

Record of conditional sale contracts showing place and date of sale, names and addresses of vendor and vendee, consideration, description of property, conditions and amount of sale, names of signers-vendee and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1886-1935 scattered dates, see entry 50-xii.

Also contains:

- i. (Bills of Sale), entry 22.
- ii. (Leases), 1924-- scattered dates, entry 24.
- iii. (Lien Notes), entry 20.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: vendor-vendee, vendee-vendor for conditional sale contracts and bills of sale; lessor-lessee, lessee-lessor for leases; mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for lien notes. Hdw., some printed forms pasted in. Aver. 380 pp. 14 x 10 x 2.

22. (BILLS OF SALE), 1846-47, 1859, 1867, 1889, 1907, 1909, 1921--., 1846-47, 1859, 1907, 1926 in vols. 9, 10, 12, 14 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-ii; 1867, 1889, 1909, 1934 in vols. 3, 4 of Records - Personal Mortgages, entry 25-ii; 1921-- in vols. 3, 4 of Records - Conditional Sales, entry 21-i.

Record of bills of sale showing names and addresses of vendor and vendee, consideration, description of property sold, date of sale, names of signers-vendor and witnesses, acknowledgment, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1935, see entry 50-iv.

23. (ASSIGNMENTS), 1930-31, 1935--. In vols. 1-3 of Records - Personal Mortgages, entry 25-i.

Assignments of creamery checks showing names and addresses of assignor and assignee, consideration, date and conditions of assignment, names of signers-assignor and witnesses, date recorded, clerk's attest.

24. (LEASES), 1924-- scattered dates. In vols. 3-4 of Records - Conditional Sales, entry 21-ii.

Record of leases showing names and addresses of lessor and lessee, description of property, consideration, terms and conditions of lease, names of signers-lessor and lessee.

25. RECORDS - PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1879--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies: Chattel Mortgage, 1879--., vols. 1, 2. 1900 also in vol. 12 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxv.

Record of mortgages on personal property showing names and addresses of mortgagor-mortgagee, consideration, description of property, date and conditions of mortgage, names of signers-mortgagor and witnesses, acknowledgment, affidavit of both parties, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1891-1928 scattered dates, see entry 50-xi.

Also contains:

- i. (Assignments), 1930-31, 1935--., entry 23.
- ii. (Bills of Sale), 1867, 1889, 1909, 1934, entry 22.
- iii. (Lien Notes), 1884-1921, 1935, entry 20.
- iv. Records - Conditional Sales, 1879-1921, 1933, 1935, entry 21.

Chron. entry. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of: mortgagor-mortgagee, mortgagee-mortgagor for chattel mortgages and lien notes; vendor-vendee, vendee-vendor for conditional sale contracts and bills of sale; no index for assignments. Vols. 1, 2, 1879--., hdw., some on printed forms; vol. 3, 1920--., hdw., some printed forms pasted in. 250-400 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2} \times 8-3/4 \times 1-3/4$  -  $16\frac{1}{4} \times 11 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ . Vol. 1, 1879-1909, in safe in Robinson's store; vols. 2, 3, 1909--., in safe in clerk's office.

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26. (POLE LINE PERMITS), 1918, 1928, 1938. 1918, 1938 in vols. 13, 15 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxii; 1928 in vol. 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xvi.

Record of permits to erect poles showing name of company to whom issued, date and specifications of permit, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest.

27. (EARMARKS OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND SWINE), 1786-1850. 1786-1817 in vol. 2 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-viii; 1818-50 scattered dates in vol. 1 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-vii.

Name of owner, description of mark, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally contains transfer of ownership showing name of person to whom transferred, date of transfer, clerk's attest.

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28. (BIRTHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1768-1860. 1768-1860 in vols. 1, 2 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-iii; 1775-1800 also in vols. 2-4 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-iii; 1775-1827 also in (Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths), entry 32-i.

Name of family, name of child, date of birth, date recorded, clerk's attest. Records in entries 4-iii and 14-iii have been partially copied into volume in entry 32-i.

For subsequent related records, 1856-1907, see entries 32-ii, 33-i, 34; for birth certificates see entries 35, 41-i, 42-i; for birth reports see entry 7-ii and xx.

29. (MARRIAGE RECORDS), 1775-1853. 1775-1850 in (Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths), entry 32-iv; 1775-97 also in vols. 2-4 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xix; 1796-1853 in vol. 1 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xii.

Place and date of marriage, names and addresses of groom and bride, declaration of marriage, name and title of signer-performing official, date recorded, clerk's attest. Records in entries 4-xii and 14-xix have been partially copied into volume in entry 32-iv.

For subsequent related records, 1797-1843, 1858-1904, see entries 30, 32-v, 32-vi, 36; for marriage certificates see entries 37, 38, 41-iii, 42-iv; for marriage reports see entry 7-xx.

30. (MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY JUSTICES OF PEACE), 1797-1843. In (Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths), entry 32-v.

Record of marriages performed by Reverend Asa Lyon, 1797-1838, Justice of the Peace Hector Adams, 1837-43, showing date of



marriage, names of bride and groom, names of parents, occasionally residences of bride and groom, name and title of officiating person, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For prior related records, 1775-1853, see entry 29.

31. (DEATHS, FAMILY RECORDS), 1814-1911 scattered dates.

In vol. 2 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-vi.

Name of family, date of death, name of deceased, date recorded, clerk's attest.

For subsequent related records, 1857-1907, see entries 32-iii, 33-ii, 39; for death certificates see entries 40, 41-ii, 42-iii; for death reports see entry 7-xx.

32. (RECORD OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS), 1775-1882.  
1 vol.

Contains:

- i. (Births, Family Records), 1775-1827, entry 28.
- ii. Births, 1856-82, showing place of birth; name, sex, and condition of child; names, residences, and birth-places of parents; occupation of father; attest of school district and town clerks. For prior related records, 1768-1860, see entry 28.
- iii. Deaths, 1857-82, showing date and place of death; name, birthplace, age, sex, condition, and names of parents of deceased; disease or cause of death; occupation of male if over 15 years of age; clerk's attest. For other related records, 1814-1911 scattered dates, see entry 31.
- iv. (Marriage Records), 1775-1850, entry 29.
- v. (Marriages Performed by Justice of Peace), 1797-1843, entry 30.
- vi. Marriages, 1858-82, showing date of marriage; names, residences, ages, birthplaces and number of marriage of both bride and groom; occupation of groom; names of parents; name and title of officiating person; clerk's attest. For prior related records, 1775-1853, see entry 29.

Chron. entry. Separate index to births and deaths, 1857-82, see entry 44; to marriages, 1858-82, entry 43; no index to marriages, births and deaths prior to 1857. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 15 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

33. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1883-96. 1 vol. (2).

Contains:

- i. Births showing information as in entry 32-ii omitting condition. For prior related records, 1768-1860, see entry 28.
- ii. Deaths showing information as in entry 32-iii adding marital status. For other related records, 1814-1911 scattered dates, see entry 31.

Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 44. Hdw. under printed headings. 70 pp. 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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34. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1897-1907. 1 vol. (3). System discontinued 1907.

Showing information as in entry 32-ii adding date recorded, race or color and name of medical attendant and omitting condition. Chron. entry. No index. Separate index see entry 44. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp.  $14 \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1760-1860, see entry 28.

35. BIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1903-8. 1 vol. (4). 1909-13 in vol. 5 of Marriages, Births and Deaths, entry 41-i; 1914-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial Permits, entry 42-i.

Original certificates of births showing name, color, date and place of birth, sex of child; condition as to live or stillbirth and cause if latter; names, ages, residence and birthplaces of parents; number of child of mother; occupation of father; date of certificate; signature and residence of attending physician or informant; date certificate received for filing. 1920-- adds statement regarding multiple birth and number and order of such birth; statement of legitimacy; occupation of mother; number of children of mother now living; 1930-- adds whether premature or full term; period of gestation, if stillborn; detailed information regarding occupation of parents. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of child. Separate index see entry 44. Hdw. on printed forms. 71 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For birth records see entry 28.

36. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1893-1904. 2 vols. (2-3). System discontinued 1904.

Showing information as in entry 32-vi adding date of application for marriage certificate, recognizance, attest of officiating person; 1897-1904 adds date returned for recording and clerk's attest. Chron. entry. Partially indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride. Separate index see entry 43. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 70 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior related records, 1775-1853, see entry 29.

37. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1905-8. 1 vol. (4). 1909-13 in vol. 5 of Marriages, Births and Deaths, entry 41-iii; 1914-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial Permits, entry 42-iv.

Original marriage certificates showing place and date of application for license; name, address, age, color, birthplace, number of marriage and marital status of groom and bride; names and birthplaces of parents; occupation of groom; certification of marriage by performing official; 1909-- adds oath of groom or bride as to truth of statements in application; date filed; clerk's attest. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of groom; also separate index see entry 43. Hdw. on printed forms. 28 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For marriage records see entry 29; for related certificates see entry 38.

38. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1877-1904, 1910. 1 bundle.

Unbound certificates showing date of application for certificate; name, residence, age, place of birth; number of marriage of groom and bride; occupation of groom; names of parents of each; date and place of marriage; attest, residence and official title of performing official; date of issuance; date returned for record; clerk's attest. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms.  $9\frac{1}{4} \times 3\text{-}3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe in Robinson's store.

For marriage records see entry 29; for related certificates see entry 37.

39. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1897-1907. 1 vol. (3). System discontinued 1907.

Showing information as in entry 32-iii adding race or color, marital status, name of medical attendant; and omitting condition. Chron. entry. Separate index see entry 44. Hdw. on printed forms. 80 pp.  $14 \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For other related records, 1814-1911 scattered dates, see entry 31.

40. DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1903-0. 1 vol. (4). 1908-13 in vol. 5 of Marriages, Births and Deaths, entry 41-ii; 1914-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial Permits, entry 42-iii.

Original death certificates showing date and place of death; name, age, sex, color or race, date of birth, marital status, occupation, and birthplace of deceased; name of spouse; names and birthplaces of parents; name and address of informant; place and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; date filed; medical certificate of principal and contributing causes of death; duration of illness; period of attendance by physician and date last seen alive; place where disease was contracted; date of certificate; signature(s) and address(es) of physician and/or health officer and/or informant. 1930-- adds death from external cause or violence with date and place, manner of injury, statement of physician as to whether disease or injury was related to occupation of deceased; what confirmed diagnosis; whether or not an autopsy was performed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased; also separate index see entry 44. Hdw. on printed forms. 52 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

For death records see entry 31.

41. MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1908-13. 1 vol. (5).

Contains:

- i. Birth Certificates, entry 35.
- ii. Death Certificates, entry 40.
- iii. Marriage Licenses, entry 37.

Arr. chron. Separate index to births and deaths see entry 44; to marriages see entry 43. Hdw. on printed forms. 141 certificates  $8 \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ .

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42. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, BURIAL PERMITS, 1914--. 4 vols., 2 boxes (vols. 6-9; boxes unnumbered). Title varies; no title, 1934--, 2 boxes.

Contains:

- i. Birth Certificates, entry 35.
- ii. Burial (Entombment or Removal) Permits, entry 45.
- iii. Death Certificates, entry 40.
- iv. Marriage Licenses, entry 37.

Arr. chron. Separate index to births and deaths, 1914-33, see entry 44; to marriages, 1914-33, see entry 43. Hdw. on printed forms. Vols., 1914-33, aver. 135 certificates  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ ; boxes, 1934--, 2 x 5 x 9.

43. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1858-1933. 1 vol.

Serving entries 32-vi, 36, 37, 41-iii, 42-iv showing name of groom-bride, bride-groom; date of marriage; volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of groom-bride, bride-groom. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

44. INDEX OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, 1857-1933. 1 vol.

Serving entries 32-ii, 32-iii, 33-i, 33-ii, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41-i, 41-ii, 42-i, 42-iii showing name of child or name of deceased, date of birth or death, volume and page reference. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of child or deceased. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp.  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

45. BURIAL (Entombment or Removal) PERMITS, 1903-13. 1 vol.  
1914-- in Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burial Permits,  
entry 42-ii.

Burial, entombment or removal permits showing name of person to whom issued, place issued, date and cause of death, name and age deceased, name of medical attendant, place and date of burial or proposed entombment or removal, name and address of undertaker, date and authorization of burial by town clerk; certification of undertaker of delivery of body to sexton, statement of disposition of body, name of cemetery, signatures of undertaker and sexton. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 150 permits  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ .

46. (GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION RECORDS), 1782-1869. 1 vol.

Inscriptions taken from gravestones showing name, age, and date of birth of deceased; names of parents or of spouse if married; date of death; name of cemetery; clerk's attest. Entered and indexed alph. under first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. on printed forms. 100 pp.  $10 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

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Permits; Military Records;  
Miscellaneous Records

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### Licenses, Fees, Permits

47. (DOG LICENSES), 1928---. 7 vols.

Carbon copies and stubs of licenses issued showing license number, date of license, name of owner, description of dog, amount of fee, term of license, signature of clerk. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 pp.  $4 \times 11 \times \frac{1}{2}$  -  $12 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 4 vols., 1928-34, safe in Robinson's store; 3 vols., 1934---, top of safe in clerk's office.

48. (LIQUOR LICENSES), 1933---. In vol. 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xi.

Name and address of licensee, recital of authority for granting license, type and conditions of license, location and description of premises, date and term of license, names of signers-control commissioners-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest.

### Military Records

49. ENROLLED MILITIA, 1863. 1 vol.

Record of militia enrollment showing name, occupation and age of persons enlisted or drafted during the Civil War; remarks. Chron. entry under alph. divisions. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of soldier. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 100 pp.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ . Attic at residence of clerk.

### Miscellaneous Records

50. (MISCELLANEOUS UNBOUND PAPERS), 1863---. 10 bundles.

Original unbound papers which have been filed in clerk's office:

- i. Articles of association, 1918-27 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 17.
- ii. Attachments, 1882---, showing information as in entry 19.
- iii. Auditor's report, 1910, showing information as in entry 7-i.
- iv. Bills of sale, 1935, showing information as in entry 22.
- v. Business, certificate of cessation, 1914-29 scattered dates, showing recital of authority, date of establishment, names and addresses of partners, name and location of firm, statement of cessation of business, date of certificate, signature of certifying partner, affidavit, date filed, clerk's attest. For related records see entry 50-vi.
- vi. Business, certificate of establishment, 1921-37 scattered dates, showing recital of authority, date of estab-

- lishment, names and addresses of partners, name and location of firm, kind of business, date of certificate, signature of certifying partner, affidavit, date filed, clerk's attest. For related records see entry 50-v.
- vii. Candidate's assent, 1916-33 scattered dates, showing name of party affiliation, name of office, date of election, name and address of candidate, date filed, clerk's attest. For related records see entries 5, 6.
- viii. Capital stock, affidavit of proposed issues, 1918-33 scattered dates, showing name of corporation, place and date meeting to be held for purpose of making proposal, proposed number of shares of stock and value per share, description of property upon which shares were issued, date and place of affidavit, signatures of the majority of directors, oaths of the directors; certification of secretary of state showing date affidavit of proposal was filed, date of certificate, signature and seal of secretary of state. For related records see entry 50-ix.
- ix. Capital stock, certificates of paid up, 1921, 1933, showing names and titles of officers of the incorporation, name and location of the corporation, total amount of capital stock, amount of capital stock paid into treasury of corporation, place and date of certificate, affidavit of officers of the corporation; certificate by secretary of the state showing date certificate was filed in secretary of state's office, signature and seal of the secretary of state. For related records see entry 50-viii.
- x. Cemetery deeds, 1896-1931 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 18.
- xi. Chattel mortgages, 1891-1928 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 25.
- xii. Conditional sales, 1886-1935 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 21.
- xiii. Justices of peace, list of, 1923, 1925-31 scattered dates, showing information as in entry 4-x.
- xiv. Liens, 1910, 1930, showing information as in entry 20.
- xv. Livestock and silos, census, 1919, 1929, showing name of owner; number of silos if any; number of cattle, horses, sheep and swine.
- xvi. Mechanic's liens, 1901, 1929, showing information as in entry 14-xx.
- xvii. Officers' oaths, 1920-- scattered dates, showing information as in entry 13.
- xviii. Primary petitions, 1924-- scattered dates, showing name of office; name of party affiliation; name and address of proposed candidate; date of election; signature, residence and occupation of petitioners; date filed; clerk's attest. For related records see entries 5, 6.

- xix. Returns of grand and petit jurors, 1922-33 scattered dates, showing place and date of issuance of return, period covered by return, names of jurors drawn, term for which served, attest of county clerk.
  - xx. Road mileage certificates, 1905, 1910-- , showing information as in entry 76.
  - xxi. School property appraisal, 1893, showing information as in entry 4-xxiii.
  - xxii. Taxes assessed, 1916-24, 1927, 1928, showing year, recital of authority, classification of taxes, amount of grand list, tax rate, amount assessed, total assessment, date of report, signature of town clerk. For related records see entry 63.
- No arr. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on printed forms. 9 x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 -  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Safe in Robinson's store.

51. (MAPS OF RAILROAD PROPERTY), 1899. 5 blueprints in one envelope.  
Plans of property acquired by Rutland Railroad. John W. Burke. Blueprint. 1":80'-1":400'. Envelope 3 x 9. Safe in Robinson's store.

52. PLAN OF CHAMPLAIN LAKE SITES, 1932. 2 maps.  
Plan of proposed camp sites owned by Shadow Land Company. George H. Cook. Blueprint. 1":40'. 24 x 36. 1 on top of safe in clerk's office; 1 in safe, Robinson's store.

## II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 26, 1726 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). Five selectmen were elected annually for the years 1737-50 and three selectmen were elected annually for the years 1791-1808 with the exception of 1790-1816 for which period no records of the election of these officers could be found. In 1909, three selectmen were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. From 1910 to date, one selectmen has been elected annually for a term of three years. In addition to their general duties, the selectmen performed the duties of overseer of the poor for the years 1822, 1824, 1826-28, 1830, 1832-34, 1836-40, 1842, 1844, 1847-48, 1850-54, 1857, 1859, 1871, 1886, 1888, 1892-93, 1905, 1909-33; in 1849, the chairman of the selectmen acted as overseer of the poor. In 1844, the three selectmen acted as fence viewers; in 1846 and 1860 as auditors; in 1923, 1925-27, 1929 as town agent. The selectmen keep no record of their meetings.

53. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1933--. 6 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, number, amount, date and purpose of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of S. E. Larrow, selectman.

54. RECORD OF ORDERS (Drawn by Selectmen), 1917-26, 1935--.  
1 vol. 1916-34 in Record of Orders (Drawn by Overseer of Poor), entry 79-i.

Record of orders drawn by selectmen, 1935--, showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order; approval and signatures of auditors.

Also contains:

i. Record of Orders (Drawn by Overseer of Poor), 1917-26, entry 79.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. Residence of S. E. Larrow, selectman.

### III. LISTERS

Five listers were elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1787, to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). From three to five listers were elected annually for the years 1788-97, 1817-1908. In 1909, three listers were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. From 1910 to date one lister has been elected annually for a term of three years. For the period 1790-1816, no records could be found of the election of listers.

55. (TAX INVENTORIES), 1932--. 5 boxes. Prior records destroyed.

Name and address of taxpayer, itemized list and summary of taxable real and personal property including livestock and furniture offsets, poll tax, grand list, number and sex of dogs, attested oath of taxpayer, signature of lister and date of receipt. No arr. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 12 x 10 x 6 - 12 x 7 x 10. Attic at residence of clerk.

56. QUADRENNIAL APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE, 1860, 1870--  
quadrennially. 19 vols. and copies for 1882, 1922.  
Title varies: Quintennial Valuation, 1860, 1 vol.;  
Quintennial Valuation for the Grand List, 1870,  
1 vol.; Grand List (Quadrennial Valuation), 1874,  
1878, 2 vols.; Quadrennial Valuation of Real Estate,  
1882-1910, 8 vols.

Name of owner, location and description of property, appraised value. Entered alph. under first letter of owner's surname. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 20 pp. 16 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  - 11 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Attic at residence of clerk.



Treasurer

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57. ABSTRACT OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND GRAND LIST, 1819--.  
94 vols. Missing 1820-41, 1850, 1854, 1859, 1866.  
Title varies: Grand List, 1819, 1843-47, 1849, 1851-  
53, 1855-58, 1860-65, 1867-1903, 1910, 63 vols.; no  
title, 1842, 1848, 1909, 3 vols.

Name and address of taxpayer, location and description of property, real and personal valuations, offsets, exemptions, total assessments, grand list (1% of assessed value). Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 45-66 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{8}$  -  $11 \times 17 \times \frac{1}{2}$ . 90 vols., 1819, 1842-49, 1851-53, 1855-58, 1860-65, 1867-1934, in attic at residence of clerk; 4 vols., 1935--, desk in office.

58. INDIVIDUAL LISTS, 1853. 1 vol.

Name of taxpayer, itemized list of personal property, securities, amount of debts due, amount of money on hand, real estate valuation, total amount of real and personal estate, amount of poll tax, sum on which assessments are made. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 140 pp.  $11\frac{1}{4} \times 7\text{-}3/4 \times 3/4$ .

59. RATABLE POLLS, 1937---. 2 vols.

Name of taxpayer and whether or not exempt from poll tax; lister's certificate showing name of town, date of certificate, signatures of listers; town clerk's certificate showing date list was filed, signature of town clerk. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 20 pp.  $15\text{-}3/4 \times 10\frac{1}{4} \times 3/8$ .

#### IV. TREASURER

A treasurer was elected at the second annual meeting held March 5, 1787 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). A treasurer has been elected annually from 1788-97 and 1817 to date. The treasurer acted as trustee of public money for the years 1871, 1890, 1892, 1927-35, 1937 and trustee of public funds for the years 1935-36 and 1938. For the period 1798-1816, there are no records of the election of a treasurer. Since 1892, the treasurer has been collector of current taxes. For financial reports see entry 7-xix.

60. TOWN TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1910--. 3 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1910-17, 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements: receipts show name of payer; date; purpose; amount received from taxes, loans, dog licenses, and sundries; disbursements show name of payee, date; purpose and amount of disbursement under general, school, highway and poor account, loans, sundries. Chron. entry. No index. Edw. under printed headings. 100-240 pp.  $13\text{-}3/4 \times 9 \times 1\text{-}3/4$  -  $16\frac{1}{4} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ . Safe at residence of Ray R. Allen, treasurer.

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Trustee of Public Funds;  
Trustee of Public Money

61. (CANCELED CHECKS AND ORDERS), 1932---. 13 bundles.  
Contains:

- i. Canceled checks showing name of payee, date and amount of check, signature of treasurer, indorsement and bank cancellation.
- ii. Canceled orders showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order; signature(s) of issuing officer(s).

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 9 x 4 x 4. 11 bundles, 1932-34, 1936---, at residence Ray R. Allen, treasurer; 2 bundles, 1934-35, at residence Mrs. M. C. Pixley, former treasurer.

62. (CHECK BOOK STUBS), 1934---. 8 vols.  
Stubs of checks issued showing name of payee, date and amount of check, order number. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 pp. 9 x 4 x 6. 2 vols., 1934-35, at residence Mrs. M. C. Pixley, former treasurer; 6 vols., 1936---, at residence Ray R. Allen, treasurer.

63. (Poll and Property) TAX BOOK, 1908--. 29 vols.  
Record of taxes assessed showing name of taxpayer; amount of grand list; amount of property, poll and old age assistance tax; total tax; amount of discount if any. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Aver. 150 pp. 6 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. Residence of Ray R. Allen, treasurer.  
For related records see entry 50-xxii.

## V. TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

At the annual town meeting held on March 3, 1896 three trustees of public funds were elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 162; see entry 4). One trustee was elected in 1897 and for the years 1935-36 and 1938 the town treasurer served in this capacity. No record of the election of trustees was found for intermittent years as shown above. For financial reports see entry 7-iv.

## VI. TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Three trustees of public money were elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1833 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 126; see entry 4). Three were elected for the years 1840-45, and one in the years 1847-58, 1860-70, 1872-84, 1886-89, 1891 and 1893-1926. The treasurer acted as trustee for the years 1871, 1890, 1892, 1927-35 and 1937. There was no record found of the election of this officer for the years 1839, 1846,

1859, 1865 and 1936. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1930.

## VII. AUDITORS

At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1817 a committee of three was elected to settle and adjust the accounts of the overseer and treasurer for the ensuing year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 2; see entry 4). Committees of three to perform these duties were elected for the years 1818, 1821-23, 1826-28, 1831, 1836 and committees of two members to perform these duties were elected in the years 1824, 1833 and 1835. In the years 1819-20, 1825, 1830, 1832, 1834, 1837-40 one committee consisting of either two or three members was elected to settle with the overseer of the poor and one committee consisting of one or two members was elected to settle with the treasurer. From 1827-34 and 1836-40 from one to two auditors to act either themselves or together with the selectmen were elected to settle and adjust claims against the town. At the annual town meeting March 10, 1841 three auditors were elected (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 145; see entry 4). From one to three auditors were elected in the years 1842-45, 1847-79, 1881-1912, 1914-16 each to serve for a term of one year. In the years 1846, 1880 the selectmen acted as auditors. No record was made of the election of these officers for the intermittent years as shown above. In 1917, three auditors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years and one for three years. From 1918 to date one auditor has been elected annually for the term of three years. For reports filed with the town clerk see entries 4-ii, 7; for original report, 1910, see entry 50-iii.

## VIII. TAX COLLECTOR

At the second annual town meeting held March 5, 1787 a tax collector was elected to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). A tax collector was elected annually for the years 1788-95 and 1797. In the years 1817-40, 1842, 1848-49, 1853, 1860-61, 1869-70, 1874-76, 1878-79, 1885-86 and 1890, the records show that the first constable was the tax collector. For the intermittent years between 1795 and 1892 no record was found of the election of this officer or of any other officer acting in this capacity. Since 1892, current taxes have been paid to the town treasurer and the first constable has been collector of delinquent taxes. For reports see entry 7-vii and xvi.

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Board for Abatement of Taxes;  
Board of Civil Authority

64. TAX BOOK, 1929---. 3 vols.

Record of delinquent poll, property and old age assistance taxes showing name of taxpayer, year tax was for, amount of tax, amount of interest charged, total amount due, date paid. Entered alph. under first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. Aver. 200 pp. 6 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 - 8 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. Residence of E. A. Gardner, constable.

65. (TAX RECEIPT BOOK STUDS AND DUPLICATES), 1932---. 5 vols.

Receipts for delinquent taxes showing date of payment, name of payer, year payment is for, amount paid. 1937--- adds kind of tax as real estate, personal property, poll, old age assistance; amount of interest charged; collector's cost; signature of tax collector. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. 50-150 pp. 3 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$  - 4 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. Residence of E. A. Gardner, constable.

## IX. BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The board for abatement of taxes, consisting of the selectmen, town clerk, listers, and justices of the peace, was created by an act of the legislature in 1860 (Laws, 1860, No. 23). In 1929 the treasurer was added as a member of this board. During the years 1839 to 1860 the duties of this office were performed by the board of civil authority. Prior to 1839 the justices of the peace and selectmen meeting with two or more listers abated taxes.

66. (BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES MEETINGS), 1919--- scattered dates. In vol. 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-iv.

Minutes of meetings showing place and date of meeting, names of members present, names of persons whose taxes were abated, year and amount of abatement, date recorded, clerk's attest.

## X. BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The board of civil authority, consisting of the selectmen and justices of the peace, was constituted by an act of the legislature 1839 (Laws, 1839, sec. 51, pp. 110-119). In 1892 the law was revised and the town clerk was added as a member. Prior to 1839 the duties were performed by the selectmen and justices of the peace but no specific name was given to the office. For check lists as revised by this board see entry 9.

67. (WARNINGS FOR MEETINGS OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY), 1920--- scattered dates. In vol. 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xxxi.

Place, date and time meeting to be held; purpose of meeting; name of signer--town clerk.

## XI. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

At the annual town meeting held March 3, 1826, a superintending school committee consisting of five members was elected to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 74; see entry 4). A committee of five was elected in 1829 and a committee of three in 1830-33. A town superintendent of schools was elected at the annual town meeting held March 14, 1846 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 170; see entry 4). A superintendent of schools was elected annually for the years 1847-53, 1855-74, 1876-85, 1888, 1890-92. In 1886, three school directors were elected and in 1887 one school director was elected but the term of office for these elections was not given. In 1888 in addition to the election of the superintendent of schools, four school district clerks were elected and in 1889 one member of the County Board of Education was elected. No record was found of the election of these officers for the years 1834-45, 1854, 1875 and 1889. At the annual town meeting March 1, 1893 three school directors were elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 136; see entry 4). From 1894 to date one school director has been elected annually for a term of three years. For reports see entry 7-xii.

68. RECORD (School Directors' Meetings), 1893-1922. 1 vol. 1911-31 scattered dates also in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xvii.

Minutes of meetings of school directors showing place and date meeting held, action taken on school business, election of chairman and clerk at the first meeting of each new board, occasionally signature of clerk.

Also contains:

- i. School Directors' Account Book, 1904-7, entry 71.
- ii. School census, 1895, showing name and age of pupil, names of parents.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 145 pp. 8 x 7 x 3/4. Residence of Mrs. Mary Phelps, former school director.

69. VERMONT SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1914--. 108 vols.

Certification of report by teacher; list of teachers with description of certificate; attendance data; visitor's register; annual school statistics by teacher; detailed attendance record; record of registration of pupils; list of transfers, reentries and withdrawals; list of non-resident pupils; record of transportation and board of pupils. Attendance records arr. alph. by name of pupils; no arr. for remainder of vol. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 15 pp. 11-3/4 x 9 x 1/8. 15 vols., 1914-17, attic in clerk's residence; 93 vols., 1918--, at residence of F. D. Cargill, superintendent of schools, Alburgh, Vt.

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70. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1918--. 21 vols. Attendance by schools, questionnaire of information, student progress, promotion record, health services, school tax, valuation and assessments, receipts and expenditures, list of students whose tuition outside town is paid by town, signatures of school directors and superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed forms. Aver. 10 pp. 11 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

71. SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ACCOUNT BOOK, 1917--. 1 vol. 1904-7 in Record (School Directors' Meetings), entry 68-i. Record of orders drawn by school directors showing date, number and amount of order, amount expended for teachers' wages and board, directors' services and expenses, repairs, furniture, water, fuel, light, janitor, pupils' transportation and board, tuitions to other towns, supplies, appliances, text books, new buildings, sundries, insurance. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 480 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Residence of R. A. Mooney, school director.

72. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1934--. 12 vols. Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee, date, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x 1. Residence of R. A. Mooney, school director.

## XII. ROAD COMMISSIONERS

At the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 three highway surveyors, or path-masters, were elected to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). From 1787 to 1885, 1891-92 four to eight highway surveyors were elected for a term of one year. No record was found of any highway surveyors being elected in 1886. Three road commissioners were elected at the annual town meeting March 1, 1887 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 92; see entry 4). Three road commissioners were elected annually for the years 1888-90. In 1893-1910, 1912-16, 1918-25, 1933-34 one road commissioner was elected. In the years 1926-32, two road commissioners were appointed by the selectmen and one has been appointed annually by the selectmen since 1935. No record was found of the election or appointment of a road commissioner for the years 1911 and 1917. The highway surveyors performed the duties of fence viewers for the years 1817-23, 1825-26, 1828-40, 1846, 1848-49 and 1852. For financial reports see entry 7-xvii.

73. RECORD OF ORDERS, 1917-31, 1936--. 2 vols. Record of orders drawn by road commissioner showing name of payee; date, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. Aver. 100 pp. 10 x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 - 12 x 9 x 1. Residence of E. A. Gardner, road commissioner.

74. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1932--. 16 vols.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee; date, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs  $3 \times 11 \times 3/4$ . 14 vols., 1932-33, 1936--, residence of E. A. Gardner, road commissioner; 4 vols., 1934-35, residence of Mrs. M. C. Pixley, former treasurer.

75. (HIGHWAY MAPS), 1931-33. 6 maps.

Plans of state highway showing proposed relocation and reconstruction work. A. D. Wood and Brooks. Blueprints.  $1":50'$ - $1":1$  mile.  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8$  -  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 36$ . Safe in Robinson's store.

76. (ROAD MILEAGES), 1889-1936, 1936. 1889-1935 scattered dates in vols. 2, 3 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xix; 1931, 1935-36, 1938 in vol. 15 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxvii.

Record of sworn statement by selectmen showing number of miles of traveled, new and discontinued highways not including pent roads or trails; names of signers-selectmen; selectmen's affidavit; date recorded; clerk's attest.

For original papers, 1905, 1918--, see entry 50-xx.

77. (ROAD SURVEYS AND LAYOUTS), 1794-1873, 1900. 1794-1873 scattered dates in vols. 6-8, 10, 11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxviii; 1900 in vol. 2 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xx.

Date of survey or layout, location and description of road, names of signers-surveyor and selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest; occasionally petition for opening road showing date and purpose of petition; order by selectmen to open new road showing location of road, recital of authority, award of damages to adjacent property owners, date of order, names of signers-selectmen.

78. (ROADS DISCONTINUED), 1873, 1900. 1873 in vol. 11 of (Land and Miscellaneous) Records, entry 14-xxvi; 1900 in vol. 2 of Town Meetings (and Miscellaneous Records), entry 4-xviii.

Date of discontinuance, description of road discontinued, names of signers-selectmen, date recorded, clerk's attest.

### XIII. OVERSEER OF POOR

An overseer of the poor was elected at the annual town meeting held March 6, 1843 to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 153; see entry 4). An overseer has been elected annually for the years 1845-46, 1855-56, 1858, 1860-70, 1872-80, 1882-85, 1887, 1889-91, 1894-88, 1900-1904, 1906-8, 1934 to date. The records show that in the years 1822, 1824, 1826-28, 1830, 1832-34, 1836-40, 1842, 1844, 1847-48, 1850-54,

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1857, 1859, 1871, 1886, 1888, 1892-93, 1905, 1909-33, the selectmen performed the duties of the overseer of the poor and in 1849 the chairman of the selectmen was designated as overseer. For intermittent years as shown above no record of the election of an overseer could be found. For financial report see entry 7-xi.

79. RECORD OF ORDERS (Drawn by Overseer of Poor), 1916--.  
1 vol. 1917-26 in Record of Orders (Drawn by Selectmen), entry 54-i.

Record of orders drawn by overseer of poor, 1928--, showing name of payee; date, number, purpose and amount of order; approval and signatures of auditors.

Also contains:

- i. Record of Orders (Drawn by Selectmen), 1916-34, entry 54.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. under printed headings. 200 pp. 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3/4. Residence of T. D. Stone, overseer of poor.

80. (ORDER BOOK STUBS), 1935--. 1 vol.

Stubs of orders drawn showing name of payee; date, number, purpose and amount of order. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. on printed forms. Aver. 100 stubs 3 x 11 x 3/4. Residence of T. D. Stone, overseer of poor.

#### XIV. CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Five cemetery commissioners were elected at the annual town meeting held March 6, 1888 to serve for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 97; see entry 4). From 1889 to date with the exception of 1893 when no mention was made of the election of this officer, one cemetery commissioner has been elected annually for a term of five years. For financial reports see entry 7-iii.

81. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1888-95, 1922. 1 vol.

Place and date of meeting, action taken on cemetery business, election of chairman and clerk at the first meeting of each new board; 1888 adds cemetery association's by-laws. Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 90 pp. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Thomas Gordon, cemetery commissioner.

82. (RECORD OF LOTS SOLD), 1900--. 1 vol.

Number of lot, date sold, name of purchaser, amount received for lot.

Also contains:

- i. Total receipts of towns funds and interest on same, disbursements for labor, miscellaneous expenses; plan for part of cemetery showing location and number of lot, name of owner.



Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 100 pp. 8 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Residence of Thomas Gordon, cemetery commissioner.

83. (CHART OF SOUTH HERO CEMETERY), approx. 1890, 1930.  
2 maps.

Original and one copy showing location and number of lot, name of owner. Hand drawn. Original, 1890, condition very poor. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 - 22 x 28. Residence of Thomas Gordon, cemetery commissioner.

#### XV. SEXTON

A sexton was elected at the annual town meeting held March 16, 1818 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 8; see entry 4). A sexton was also elected in 1854, but no other record was found of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

#### XVI. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Five library trustees were elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1895 to serve for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and one for five years (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 156; see entry 4). From 1896 to date one library trustee has been elected annually to serve for a term of five years with the exception of 1920 when no record was made of the election of this officer. For reports see entry 7-ix.

84. (LIBRARY RECORDS), 1923--. 2 vols.

Itemized record of receipts and disbursements: receipts show date, name of payer, amount, occasionally purpose; disbursements show name of payee, amount of disbursement, occasionally purpose. Also contains:

- i. Names of new books purchased, number of books and magazines circulated, number of books donated and name of donor, list of books replaced or mended, approval and signatures of auditors, occasionally names of trustees.

Chron. entry. No index. Hdw. 150-250 pp. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x 1 - 10 x 8 x 3/4. 1 vol., 1923-37, residence of Mrs. Mary Phelps, former library trustee; 1 vol., 1937--, residence of Mrs. Winona Fresn, library trustee.

## XVII. MODERATOR

A moderator was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). One moderator has been elected annually from 1788 to date with the exception of the years 1798-1816 for which period no records of election are available and the year 1831 when no record was made of the election of this officer. This office keeps no records.

## XVIII. CONSTABLE

One constable was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). One or two constables have been elected annually for the years 1788-97, 1817-53, 1855-80, 1882 to date. The first constable was tax collector for the years 1817-40, 1842, 1848-49, 1853, 1860-61, 1869-70, 1874-76, 1878-79, 1885-86, 1890, and 1892 to date. For the years 1798-1816, 1854, and 1881 no records of the election of this officer could be found. This office keeps no records as constable; for records kept as tax collector see entries 64-65.

## XIX. TOWN AGENT

A town agent was elected at a special town meeting held July 13, 1833 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 100; see entry 4). One town agent has been elected annually for the years 1841-80, 1882-1922, 1924, 1928, 1930 to date, and the selectmen acted as town agent for the years 1923, 1925-27, and 1929. No record was found of the election of this officer for the years 1834-40, 1881. This office keeps no records.

## XX. GRAND JURORS

Two grand jurors were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). From one to three have been elected annually since that date with exception of the years 1787, 1798-1816, 1834 and 1881 when no record was found of the election of these officers. The grand jurors served as tythingmen in the years 1825 and 1827. This office keeps no records.

Board of Health; Fence  
Viewers; Poundkeeper  
Scaler of Weights and Measures

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## XXI. BOARD OF HEALTH

An act of the legislature in 1892 required the commissioner of the state board of health to appoint a health officer in each town (Laws, 1892, No. 82). The health officer with the selectmen of the town act as a board of health.

## XXII. FENCE VIEWERS

Three fence viewers were elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1787 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). The number elected annually for the years 1789-93, 1841-43, 1845, 1847, 1850-51, 1853-1906 and 1908 varied from three to eight. Three fence viewers were appointed annually by the selectmen for the years 1909, 1911-13, 1917-18, 1930, 1931, and 1936. The highway surveyors served as fence viewers in 1817-23, 1825-26, 1828-40, 1846, 1848-49, 1852; haywards acted as fence viewers in 1794; and the selectmen performed these duties in 1844. No mention was made of the election of these officers for the intermittent years. This office keeps no records. For fence decisions see entry 14-xi.

## XXIII. POUNDKEEPER

A poundkeeper was elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 to serve for one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). One or two poundkeepers were elected for the years 1787-97, 1817-59, 1861-66, 1868-75, 1877-81 and 1894. In 1876, 1882-93 and 1895 to date, it was voted that every man be a poundkeeper and every man's yard a pound. The records of the election of this officer could not be found for the years 1798-1816, 1860 and 1867. This office keeps no records.

## XXIV. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A sealer of weights and measures was elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1787 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). One sealer of weights and measures was elected annually for the years 1788-97, 1817-59, 1862-64, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1886. One sealer of weights and measures was appointed by the selectmen in 1909. In the years 1821, 1824-25, 1839, 1844, 1849-51, 1854

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Inspector of Leather;  
Inspector of Lumber,  
Shingles and Wood; Weigher  
of Coal

and 1867 this office was combined with the office of inspector of leather. No records of the election or appointment of this officer could be found for the intermittent years. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1910.

XXV. INSPECTOR OF LEATHER

One leather sealer was elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1787 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). Except for the years 1795 and 1896 when two leather sealers were elected, one has been elected annually for the years 1788-94, 1796-97, 1817-18, 1820-22, 1824-51, 1854-58, 1861-67, 1869-79, 1897-1901. No records of the election of this officer could be found for the intermittent years as shown above. The title of sealer of leather was changed to inspector of leather in 1841. In the years 1821, 1824-25, 1837, 1839, 1844, 1849-51, 1854 and 1867 this office was combined with the office of sealer of weights and measures. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1902.

XXVI. INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD

One inspector of wood and shingles was elected at the annual town meeting held March 3, 1896 for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 162; see entry 4). One inspector of wood, lumber and shingles was elected annually in 1897-1901. In 1909, 1911-13 and 1917, one inspector of lumber, shingles and wood was appointed by the selectmen. No record was found of the election or appointment of this officer for the years 1902-8, 1910, 1914-16 and 1918 to date. This office kept no records.

XXVII. WEIGHER OF COAL

On March 7, 1911 the selectmen appointed one weigher of coal to serve for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 323; see entry 4). The selectmen appointed one weigher for the years 1912-13 and 1917, but no other mention was made of the election or appointment of this officer. This office kept no records.

Tythingmen; Haywards;  
Tree Warden; Fire Warden

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#### XXVIII. TYTHINGMEN

Two tythingmen were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 to serve for a term of one year (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). From two to four tythingmen were elected annually for the years 1787-97, 1817-24, 1826, 1828-40. The grand jurors served as tythingmen in the years 1825 and 1827. No record was found of the election of those officers for the years 1798-1816. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1841.

#### XXIX. HAYWARDS

Two haywards occasionally called hog haywards, were elected at the first annual town meeting held March 28, 1786 (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 4; see entry 14). From one to fourteen haywards were elected annually for the years 1787-97, 1817-40. In 1794, the haywards served as fence viewers. No record was found of the election of these officers for the years 1798-1816. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1841.

#### XXX. TREE WARDEN

At the annual town meeting held March 4, 1913, one tree warden was elected for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 323; see entry 4). One tree warden was elected annually in the years 1914-34. This non-record keeping office was discontinued in 1935.

#### XXXI. FIRE WARDEN

At the annual town meeting held March 4, 1930, one fire warden was elected for a term of one year (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 171; see entry 4). The minutes of the meeting for 1931 show that the selectmen were instructed to recommend a fire warden but the record of the appointment of said officer is not shown for this year or for the years following. This office kept no records.

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Hog Constable; Cutter of  
Hooppoles, Staves and  
Headings; Brander of Horses;  
Superintendent of Funerals

### XXXII. HOG CONSTABLE

One hog constable was elected at the annual town meeting held March 21, 1825 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 55; see entry 4). The term of office was not shown and this is the only record of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

### XXXIII. CUTTER OF HOOPPOLES, STAVES AND HEADINGS

At the annual town meeting held March 10, 1834, one cutter of hooppoles, staves and headings was elected (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 106; see entry 4). The term of office was not shown and this is the only record of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

### XXXIV. BRANDER OF HORSES

One brander of horses was elected at the annual town meeting held March 5, 1787 (Land and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 5; see entry 14). The term of office was not shown and this is the only record of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

### XXXV. SUPERINTENDENT OF FUNERALS

A superintendent of funerals was elected at the annual town meeting held March 19, 1849 (Town Meeting and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 1, p. 195; see entry 4). In 1853, two superintendents were elected and in 1854 one was elected. These are the only records shown of the election of this officer. This office kept no records.

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TWO HEROES

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### TWO HEROES

The islands of North and South Hero were first chartered together, October 27, 1779, when Governor Chittenden granted to Ethan Allen, Samuel Herrick and 363 others the town of Two Heroes.<sup>1</sup> The name, of course, derived from the Revolutionary heroes Ethan and Ira Allen.

These two islands are located in the northern part of Lake Champlain. On the northwest, North Hero is separated from the mainland of Alburgh by the Alburgh Passage. North Hero and South Hero are separated by a narrow channel called "The Gut". The southern tip of the island of South Hero is connected with the mainland at Milton by the Sand Bar bridge which is a little over three miles long.

Before the coming of the white man these islands were probably inhabited by the Abenakis Indians who were an Algonquin tribe. However, in his journals Champlain says, "The war between the Iroquois and the Algonquins had driven all the Indians away from their villages on these islands".<sup>2</sup> A branch of the Abenakis, the Loup or Wolf Tribe, is supposed to have had a village at the Sand Bar.

Champlain claimed for the King of France all the land in and touched by the lake. The government of Quebec first surveyed this territory in 1732.<sup>3</sup> Maps are now existent which show the division of the country into seigniories after the French feudal system. On July 1, 1734, Sieur de Contrecoeur, the elder, received a grant which included the islands of North Hero and South Hero.<sup>4</sup> There is no record of a successful settlement on these islands.

The French claims were relinquished by the Treaty of Paris in 1763 and this land was granted and settled by Vermont.

One March morning in the year 1783 three men on snow shoes set out from St. Albans Bay to cross the east arm of the lake to what is now called Bow Arrow Point. These men were Enos Wood, Ebenezer Allen, and Alexander Gordon. They were important men in Vermont, who had served with distinction in the Revolution and for many years were leading citizens in North Hero, South Hero, and Grand Isle.

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1. State Papers of Vermont, vol. 2, p. 192.
  2. Voyages of Champlain, translated by Annie Nettleton Dourne, New York, 1922, vol. 1, p. 205.
  3. Map, surveyed by M. Auger, 1732, made at Quebec October 10, 1748, signed by deLery.
  4. The French Occupation of the Champlain Valley, from 1609 to 1759 Guy Omeron Coolidge, Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for September, 1930.

When they reached Bow Arrow Point these three men had to decide which should have the choice of the best land. Three sticks of different lengths were cut and Enoch Wood received the shortest "cut". His choice was the south end of North Hero island and there he settled.<sup>5</sup>

Colonel Ebenezer Allen and Alexander Gordon crossed "The Gut" to the south island. Allen went to the south end and Gordon stopped on the north end at the place where the highway bridge now crosses to North Hero. They became the first settlers of the present South Hero and Grand Isle. Colonel Allen always claimed that he crossed the half mile of water separating the islands about three hours before Gordon and so was the first settler on South Hero Island.

Life for a few years on the islands was very hard. Settlements were made along the shore at various places, but no clearings were made in the center of the islands. Dugouts and canoes were the means of transportation in summer and the people traveled across the ice in winter. The nearest gristmill was at Whitehall, New York, and any fortunate enough to have wheat had to make a long, hazardous journey to have it ground into flour. In the winter of 1784-85, food became so scarce that starvation faced many families. It was said that one family lived for some weeks on one wheat cake per day for each person.<sup>6</sup>

After a warning which appeared in the Massachusetts Gazette, the first meeting of the proprietors was held June 12, 1783, at Eli Brownson's Inn at Sunderland, Vermont.<sup>7</sup> In August 1783, the survey was completed. The first deed recorded on the proprietor's records is dated January 13, 1783.<sup>8</sup> It conveyed a lot of land from William Williams to Jedediah Hyde for twelve pounds.

Proprietors' meetings were held at various times. John Knickerbocker was first clerk and he was succeeded by Ebenezer Allen.

The first town meeting of Two Heroes was held at Alexander Gordon's house at Ladd's Ferry on March 28, 1786.<sup>9</sup> Nathan Hutchins was chosen town clerk and also constable. The selectmen were Ebenezer Allen, Jacob Smith, and Alexander Gordon. At this

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5. Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Hemenway, Burlington, Vermont, 1871, vol. 2, p. 563.

6. ibid.

7. The Vermont Gazette, Bennington, Vermont, vol. 1, no. 5, July 3, 1783.

8. Land Records, vol. 1, p. 3. (now at the town clerk's office in South Hero.)

9. Land Records, vol. 2, p. 4. (now at the town clerk's office in South Hero.)



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meeting a sum of money was voted for the support of a minister. It was arranged that part of the money could be paid in wheat and corn. This proved to be unnecessary as no minister could be persuaded to come to the islands for some years. Records of the meetings of Two Heroes were first kept in North Hero, but were afterwards transferred to South Hero.

The town of Two Heroes was divided into two school districts but there is no record of any school having been taught until after the towns were divided.

Due to the great length of the two islands and the inconveniences of traveling from one to the other, there was agitation for a division into two townships. On September 12, 1788, the townspeople voted for the division<sup>10</sup> and on October 27, 1788, the legislature passed an act which divided Two Heroes into the towns of North and South Hero.<sup>11</sup> Colonel Ebenezer Allen represented both towns in the legislature for the years 1786, 1788, and 1790. On January 18, 1791, it was voted to allow each town a representative in the legislature.<sup>12</sup>

By the census of 1791, the Two Heroes had become the most populous of any settlement north of the Otter Creek and west of the Green Mountains.

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10. Land, Town Meeting, and Miscellaneous Records, vol. 2, p. 9.  
(now at the town clerk's office in South Hero.)

11. Laws of 1788, p. 7.

12. Laws of 1791, p. 4.









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